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THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1                               **[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON**

2                               **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2019 ON PAGE 218]**

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5   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING. GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. HAPPY

6 WINTER NEW YEAR, YEAR OF THE PIG. WE WELCOME EVERYONE TO OUR

7 REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF

8 SUPERVISORS. AND TODAY IS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH, THE FIRST DAY

9 OF OUR LUNAR NEW YEAR. AND WE TAKE NOTE, FINALLY, THAT THERE

10 ARE FOUR SUPERVISORS PRESENT. AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL WILL NOT BE

11 WITH US TODAY. WE ALSO NOTE THAT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER,

12 OUR COUNTY COUNSEL, THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AND OUR SERGEANT AT

13 ARMS ARE ALL HERE TO ASSIST. WE WILL NOW BEGIN WITH THE

14 INVOCATION. THAT'S GOING TO BE LED BY THE VENERABLE YOUHENG

15 SHI FROM THE HSI LAI TEMPLE IN HACIENDA HEIGHTS. PLEASE STAND

16 IF YOU'RE ABLE.

17

18   **VENERABLE YOUHENG SHI:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS FOR INVITING THE

19 CHINESE BUDDHIST TRADITION TO GIVE THE INVOCATION ON THIS VERY

20 SPECIAL DAY, THE CHINESE NEW YEAR'S DAY. IN THE ASIAN

21 TRADITION, WE USUALLY PUT OUR PALMS TOGETHER AT OUR CHEST AS A

22 GESTURE OF GREETING AND GRATITUDE. WITH THE DIFFERENT FINGERS

23 REPRESENTING PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT PERSONALITIES, RACE, GENDER,

24 AND CHARACTERISTICS, WE HOLD THEM IN OUR HEART WITH RESPECT

25 AND PRAY FOR THEM. SO NOW LET US DO IT TOGETHER. PRAYER FOR

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1 THE NEW YEAR BY VENERABLE MASTER HSING YUN. OH GREAT  
2 COMPASSIONATE BUDDHA, AT THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW YEAR, WE  
3 WISH FOR HARMONY IN THE FAMILY AND HAPPINESS AT HOME. WE WISH  
4 FOR CONTENTMENT IN LIFE AND GOOD ACTS TO HELP THE WORLD. WE  
5 WISH TO ELIMINATE BAD HABITS AND ADVANCES IN MORAL  
6 CULTIVATION. WE WISH TO HAVE A STABLE SOCIETY AND HAPPINESS IN  
7 PEOPLE. WE WISH FOR PEACE ON EARTH AND JOY IN THE UNIVERSE. OH  
8 GREAT COMPASSIONATE BUDDHA, IN THE NEW YEAR, PLEASE GRANT THAT  
9 EVERY WORD WE SAY WILL BE KIND, COMPASSIONATE, AND  
10 ENCOURAGING. PLEASE GRANT THAT EVERYTHING WE DO WILL BRING  
11 HAPPINESS TO THE MASSES. PLEASE GRANT THAT EVERY INTENTION WE  
12 HAVE WILL BE A BLESSING TO OTHERS. PLEASE GRANT THAT EVERY  
13 ACTION WE TAKE WILL BE BENEFICIAL TO THE NATION AND TO THE  
14 WORLD. PLEASE GIVE US COURAGE TO CONTRIBUTE OUR BODIES AND  
15 MIND TO THE COMMUNITY. PLEASE GIVE US THE STRENGTH TO SHARE  
16 EVERYTHING WITH OTHERS. PLEASE BLESS AND SUPPORT US WITH YOUR  
17 COMPASSION AND ALLOW US TO PROMOTE THE WELL-BEING OF SOCIETY.  
18 OH GREAT COMPASSIONATE BUDDHA, A NEW SPIRIT INFUSES THE NEW  
19 YEAR. PLEASE ALLOW US TO START EVERYTHING ANEW. THANK YOU AND  
20 HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THAT WAS LOVELY. AND NOW OUR  
23 PLEDGE WILL BE LED BY MICHELLE FOX.

24



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1   **MICHELLE FOX:** GOOD MORNING. PLEASE FACE THE FLAG AND PUT YOUR  
2   RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART. IF YOU'RE A VETERAN, YOU MAY  
3   RENDER A HAND SALUTE. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.] THANK  
4   YOU.

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6   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MOST KIND SUPERVISOR  
7   MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS. IT IS MY PLEASURE TODAY TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE  
8   VENERABLE YOUHENG FROM THE HSI LAI TEMPLE IN HACIENDA HEIGHTS  
9   WHO LED US IN THAT BEAUTIFUL INVOCATION THIS MORNING. IF ONLY  
10   WE COULD REMEMBER THOSE WORDS EVERY SINGLE DAY, BUT WE'LL DO  
11   OUR BEST STARTING RIGHT HERE ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.  
12   VENERABLE YOUHENG SERVED AS THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL EDUCATION  
13   AND OUTREACH AT THE TEMPLE WHERE SHE IS WELL-RESPECTED AND  
14   ALWAYS HOSPITABLE TO THOSE WHO ARE VISITING THE TEMPLE TO  
15   LEARN AND RECEIVE KNOWLEDGE ABOUT BUDDHISM. I'M HONORED TO  
16   HAVE HER HERE WITH US TODAY, PARTICULARLY SINCE TODAY IS THE  
17   DAY OF THE CHINESE NEW YEAR. THE HSI LAI TEMPLE IS THE LARGEST  
18   BUDDHIST TEMPLE IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE. I'M GOING TO SAY  
19   THAT AGAIN. THE LARGEST BUDDHIST TEMPLE IN THE WESTERN  
20   HEMISPHERE. LET'S HEAR IT FOR THE HSI LAI TEMPLE IN HACIENDA  
21   HEIGHTS. [APPLAUSE] IN ADDITION, THE TEMPLE HOSTS THE LARGEST  
22   CHINESE NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION AROUND. FROM NOW UNTIL SUNDAY,  
23   OVER 100,000 PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE  
24   CELEBRATION. ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS, I MYSELF HAVE VISITED  
25   THE TEMPLE GROUNDS AND EXPERIENCED THE ABSOLUTE MAJESTY OF

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1 THIS TEMPLE. IT IS BREATHTAKING. AND EVERYONE THERE IS ALWAYS  
2 SO HOSPITABLE. YOU ARE THE PERFECT HOST. THE HSI LAI TEMPLE IS  
3 ALSO EXTREMELY INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY AND ACTIVELY SUPPORTS  
4 THE HOMELESS BY COLLECTING DONATIONS OF FOOD, TOYS, AND  
5 CLOTHING AND DELIVERING THESE ITEMS TO HOMELESS SHELTERS IN  
6 LONG BEACH AND WHITTIER AND OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTY. I WANT  
7 TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK VENERABLE YOUHENG AND THE  
8 OTHER REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE TEMPLE WHO ARE HERE WITH US  
9 TODAY SERVING AS SUCH WONDERFUL LEADERS IN OUR COMMUNITY.  
10 THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE AND HELPING SO MANY PEOPLE IN LOS  
11 ANGELES COUNTY WHO ARE IN NEED. ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF LOS  
12 ANGELES, I WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR COMING AND LEADING OUR  
13 INVOCATION TODAY AND PRESENT YOU WITH THIS COUNTY CERTIFICATE.  
14 [APPLAUSE]

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16 **VENERABLE YOUHENG SHI:** IT'S A TRADITION FOR THE CHINESE NEW  
17 YEAR THAT WE WILL POST UP WHAT WE CALL THE AUSPICIOUS WORDS  
18 FOR THE CHINESE NEW YEAR. AND THIS YEAR IS THE NEW YEAR OF THE  
19 WORD PIG. THE WORD PIG CAN ALSO MEANS EVERYTHING. SO RIGHT  
20 HERE WE HAVE A WORDING BY OUR FOUNDER, VENERABLE MASTER HSING  
21 YUN, FOR ALWAYS WELL-ROUNDED AND AUSPICIOUS IN EVERYTHING WE  
22 DO. AND THIS ONE -- [APPLAUSE]

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1    **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THAT WAS SO SPECIAL ON THE FIRST  
2    DAY OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE  
3    CALL THE AGENDA.

4

5    **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF  
6    THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 3 WITH THE SET  
7    MATTER THAT WILL BE TAKEN UP AT 11 A.M. AS INDICATED ON THE  
8    POSTED AGENDA. S-1 IS A REPORT FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
9    OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL ON THE RESULTS OF THE  
10   INVESTIGATIONS INTO CLIENT AND STAFF SAFETY CONCERNS AT THE  
11   COUNTY'S JUVENILE HALLS AND PROBATION CAMPS. ON PAGE 4,  
12   SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDA. THIS IS THE DISTRICT FOR THE HOUSING  
13   AUTHORITY. ON PAGE 6, CONSENT CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
14   ITEMS 1 THROUGH 17. ON ITEM 2, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS  
15   REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 5, SUPERVISOR HAHN  
16   AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THIS  
17   ITEM IS RELATED TO ITEM 11. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE  
18   CALLED ONE TIME TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON BOTH ITEMS. ON ITEM 7,  
19   SUPERVISOR BARGER AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE REQUESTED  
20   THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 8, SUPERVISOR BARGER AND  
21   MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM  
22   9, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON  
23   ITEM 11, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST  
24   THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THIS ITEM IS RELATED TO ITEM 5. ON  
25   ITEM 12, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST



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1 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. AND THIS IS A SUBSTITUTION MOTION AS  
2 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 13, A MEMBER OF  
3 THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 15, THIS  
4 IS A SUBSTITUTE MOTION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA  
5 AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE  
6 HELD. ON ITEM 17, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS  
7 ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 18 THE CHIEF EXEC-- ON PAGE 16,  
8 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 18 THROUGH 54. ON ITEM 18, THE  
9 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED  
10 TO MARCH 5TH, 2019, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.  
11 ON ITEMS 19 AND 20, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THESE  
12 ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 21, COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THIS  
13 ITEM BE CONTINUED TO MARCH 5TH, 2019, AS INDICATED ON THE  
14 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 23, THE INTERIM DIRECTOR OF THE  
15 HEALTH AGENCY REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO MARCH  
16 19TH, 2019, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. ON ITEM 43,  
17 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THE FREQUENCY OF THE  
18 REPORT BE CHANGED TO EVERY FOUR MONTHS INSTEAD OF QUARTERLY.  
19 ON ITEMS 45, 47, AND 49, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT  
20 THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON PAGE 34, THIS INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS  
21 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS  
22 IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL  
23 AGENDA. ON ITEM 52-A, SUPERVISOR HAHN AND A MEMBER OF THE  
24 PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 52-C, A MEMBER

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1 OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THE  
2 REMAINING ITEMS THROUGH 52-C ARE BEFORE YOU.

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4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THE ITEMS ARE BEFORE US,  
5 SUPERVISORS. AND MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. SECONDED  
6 BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS. IF THERE ARE NO  
7 OBJECTIONS TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, SEEING NONE, THAT WILL BE THE  
8 ORDER.

9

10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA.  
11 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PRESENTATIONS BEGINS WITH SUPERVISORIAL  
12 DISTRICT NO. 5.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER:** GREAT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I AM EXCITED TO  
15 WELCOME A GROUP WHO REALLY KNOWS HOW TO PLAY THE FIELD. WE'RE  
16 JOINED BY THE CHARTER OAK HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING REGIMENT WHO  
17 WAS AWARDED THE SILVER MEDAL AT THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BAND  
18 AND ORCHESTRATION ASSOCIATION FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS. LET'S GIVE  
19 THEM A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE] THE COMPETITION,  
20 WHICH SHOWCASES THE BEST MARCHING BANDS IN THE REGION, WAS  
21 HOSTED AT CITRUS COLLEGE, ALLOWING THE CHARTER OAK HIGH SCHOOL  
22 TO SHOW OFF THEIR SKILLS NOT FAR FROM THEIR OWN COMMUNITY.  
23 CHARTER OAK WAS ONE OF 12 MARCHING BANDS WHO QUALIFIED TO  
24 PERFORM IN THE COMPETITION OUT OF 35 BANDS ACROSS SOUTHERN  
25 CALIFORNIA. CHARTER OAK'S BAND PROGRAM HAS EXPERIENCED A LOT

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1 OF CHALLENGES OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS. AND INSTEAD OF FALLING  
2 FLAT, THIS CLOSE KNIT GROUP PRACTICED EXTRA HARD AND CAME OUT  
3 VICTORIOUSLY. AND THEY LOOKED SHARP DOING IT. DESPITE -- YAY,  
4 THAT'S RIGHT. DESPITE THE CHALLENGES, THEY BANDED TOGETHER AND  
5 RANKED AMONG THE TOP PERFORMERS. WITH THE HELP OF THEIR  
6 DIRECTOR, JOEL LOPEZ, THE GROUP'S DETERMINATION HELPED THEM  
7 END THEIR MARCHING BAND SEASON ON A HIGH NOTE. I WOULD LIKE TO  
8 ACKNOWLEDGE MR. LOPEZ AS WELL AS SUPERINTENDENT DR. MIKE  
9 HENDRICKS FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF OUR STUDENTS AND FOR MAKING THE  
10 ARTS A PRIORITY AT OUR SCHOOLS. FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
11 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE EACH ONE OF YOU  
12 MEMBERS OF THE MARCHING BAND AND LET YOU KNOW THAT, YOU KNOW,  
13 WHEN YOU LOOK AROUND AT THE CUTS TAKING PLACE, WE KNOW THAT  
14 MUSIC AND ARTS IS A KEY TO SUCCESS. AND I REALLY DO COMMEND  
15 YOU ALL FOR MAKING IT A PRIORITY AND FOR THE HARD WORK AND  
16 DETERMINATION COMING IN AND GETTING THIS AWARD. IT IS REALLY  
17 WELL DESERVED. AND WITH THAT, I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE MR. LOPEZ  
18 AND DR. HENDRICKS UP TO SAY A FEW WORDS. [APPLAUSE]

19

20 **JOEY STRYCULA:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS JOEY STRYCULA. I'M THE  
21 PRINCIPAL AT CHARTER OAK HIGH SCHOOL. WE'D LIKE TO THANK THE  
22 L.A. COUNTY BOARD FOR RECOGNIZING US HERE THIS MORNING. IT'S A  
23 GREAT HONOR FOR US TO BE HERE. WE'RE ABOUT 30 MILES EAST. SO  
24 WE HAD A AN EDUCATIONAL LESSON THIS MORNING ON THE 10 FREEWAY  
25 IN LOS ANGELES IN THE RAIN NAVIGATING THROUGH THERE.

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1 [LAUGHTER.] BUT WE MADE IT THIS MORNING. AGAIN, WE'RE REALLY  
2 PROUD OF OUR KIDS AND OUR PROGRAM. AND THE AMOUNT OF WORK THAT  
3 THEY HAVE PUT IN IS JUST UNBELIEVABLE TO ME. SO WELL  
4 DESERVING. HOPING LOOKING FORWARD TO COMING BACK AGAIN HERE  
5 NEXT YEAR. AND THANK YOU FOR HAVING US. [APPLAUSE]

6

7 **SPEAKER:** I'D ALSO LIKE TO THANK THE COUNTY BOARD OF  
8 SUPERVISORS AND SUPERVISOR BARGER. THEY'VE BEEN A GREAT  
9 SUPPORT FOR OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT NOT ONLY WITH OUR MUSIC  
10 PROGRAM BUT ALSO OTHER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES THAT WE HAVE IN  
11 OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT. SO WE GREATLY APPRECIATE THEIR SUPPORT.  
12 THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE] [APPLAUSE]

13

14 **SUP. BARGER:** WE'RE GOING TO GO A LITTLE OUT OF ORDER. AND I  
15 WANT TO INTRODUCE EVERYONE -- OH, WE'RE GOING TO DO THE KITTY  
16 FIRST. OKAY, THIS IS UMBRIAN, A DOMESTIC SHORT HAIR SEVEN  
17 MONTH OLD MALE WHO IS A LITTLE EXCITED TODAY, NOT REALLY SURE  
18 OF WHAT'S GOING ON, BUT AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION AT THE DOWNEY  
19 SHELTER, 562-728-4610. I WOULD ENCOURAGE ANYONE TO GO ONLINE  
20 OR TO GO TO ONE OF OUR SHELTERS. THERE ARE MANY MORE. HE'S  
21 REALLY SWEET. I'M NOT GOING TO GRAB HIM BECAUSE HE'S A LITTLE  
22 SKITTISH. WE'LL CUDDLE. AND NOW THIS IS NOBA. NOBA IS A SHORT  
23 HAired CHIHUAHUA, WHO I HAVE FALLEN IN LOVE WITH. A TWO-MONTH  
24 OLD AND ALSO AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION AT THE DOWNEY SHELTER, THE

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1 SWEETEST, SWEETEST, SWEETEST FEMALE 562-728-4610. AND THIS IS  
2 NOBA. AND NOBA IS KIND AND JUST GENTLE AND SWEET.

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4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, GO AHEAD. WE LOOK FORWARD  
5 TO YOUR PRESENTATION.

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS:** WE ARE DOING THE VIETNAMESE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION  
8 AND THE ASIAN AMERICAN EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION. WE'RE SOMEWHAT  
9 OUT OF ORDER BECAUSE WE'RE WAITING FOR THE DRAGONS TO COME. SO  
10 HOLD YOUR HORSES OR DRAGONS. GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. AND THANK  
11 YOU, MADAM CHAIR, FOR ALLOWING US TO PRESENT THIS VERY  
12 IMPORTANT PRESENTATION AND SCROLLS TO TWO VERY EXCITING GROUPS  
13 THAT MAKE UP OUR COUNTY FAMILY. THEY ARE BETTER KNOWN AS THE  
14 VIETNAMESE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION AND THE ASIAN AMERICAN  
15 EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION. WE HAVE VARIOUS REPRESENTATIVES FOR  
16 V.E.A.L.A.C., THE VIETNAMESE EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION, IS PETER  
17 LONG, LARRY BOO, AND JIMMY NGUYEN. AND FROM THE ASIAN AMERICAN  
18 EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, WE HAVE EDWARD YEN, ELIZABETH HAHN,  
19 NINA KIN AND JESSE TSU. ALL OF THEM HAVE BEEN INVITED HERE TO  
20 MAKE THIS PRESENTATION AVAILABLE FOR THE PUBLIC. AS YOU ALL  
21 KNOW, WE ARE CELEBRATING LUNAR NEW YEAR SEASON, THE YEAR OF  
22 THE PIG. IN SPANISH WE CALL IT MARRANITOS, PIGLET. BUT I  
23 WANTED TO TAKE THIS SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE TWO VERY  
24 IMPORTANT EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATIONS WHO HAVE BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN  
25 OUR COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND I'VE ASKED

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1 THE VIETNAMESE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION AND THE ASIAN AMERICAN  
2 EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION TO JOIN US HERE TO RECOGNIZE THEIR  
3 DEDICATION TO OUR COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND TO RING IN THE YEAR OF  
4 THE PIG. THE VIETNAMESE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, BETTER KNOWN AS  
5 V.E.A.L.A.C., WAS FOUNDED OVER 30 YEARS AGO, HOW ABOUT THAT? I  
6 DIDN'T EVEN KNOW THAT. THEIR MISSION IS TO PROMOTE AND RAISE  
7 AWARENESS ABOUT VIETNAMESE CULTURE AND THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF  
8 VIETNAMESE AMERICANS. V.E.A.L.A.C. ALSO WORKS WITH THE  
9 COMMUNITY BY PROVIDING SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS, WORKING WITH  
10 D.P.S.S. TO ADOPT FAMILIES, VOLUNTEERING AT FOOD BANKS, AND  
11 WORKING WITH DIFFERENT HOMELESS PROGRAMS. LET'S GIVE THEM A  
12 BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE] THE ASIAN AMERICAN EMPLOYEES  
13 ASSOCIATION HAS SERVED LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR OVER 40 YEARS,  
14 AND THEY HAVE WELL OVER 350 MEMBERS CURRENTLY, AND GROWING.  
15 THE AIM OF THE ASIAN AMERICAN EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION IS TO  
16 IMPROVE EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF ITS MEMBERS, PARTICIPATE IN  
17 EMPLOYMENT-RELATED ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE ASIAN AMERICAN  
18 COMMUNITY, AND TO PROVIDE COUNSEL AND SUPPORT TO ITS MEMBERS.  
19 WE WANT TO THANK BOTH OF THESE EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATIONS FOR  
20 JOINING US HERE TODAY. AND I WOULD FIRST LIKE TO ASK PRESIDENT  
21 OF THE ASIAN AMERICAN EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, MR. EDWARD YEN,  
22 AND THEN PRESIDENT OF THE VIETNAMESE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION,  
23 MR. PETER LONG, TO BOTH SAY A FEW WORDS. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]  
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1   **EDWARD YEN:** I ACTUALLY WASN'T SURE IF WE WERE GOING TO SPEAK  
2   TODAY OR NOT, BUT I DID PREPARE A FEW WORDS. GOOD MORNING, ON  
3   BEHALF OF THE ASIAN AMERICAN EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION BOARD  
4   MEMBERS, I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR  
5   CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR ORGANIZATION. FROM OUR HERITAGE EVENT  
6   HELD AT THE GRAND PARK TO OUR FISH FRY AT COUNTY PARKS, THE  
7   BOARD SUPPORT CONTINUES TO CHAMPION THE GOALS WE STRIVE TO  
8   REACH. I ALSO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR HER  
9   RECENT SPONSORSHIP OF OUR CHRISTMAS EVENT WHERE WE HAD MEMBERS  
10   OF OUR ORGANIZATION PREPARE HOMELESS PACKAGES, HOMELESS CARE  
11   PACKAGES. AND THEN WHAT WE DID IS WE DISTRIBUTED TO THE  
12   HOMELESS ON SKID ROW. FOR THE LAST YEAR, THE ASIAN AMERICAN  
13   EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION HAS BEEN FOCUSED ON THREE GOALS,  
14   ORGANIZING EVENTS TO ENGAGE MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN  
15   COMMUNITY SERVICE, DEVELOPING SKILLS-ORIENTED PROGRAMS TO  
16   ADVANCE COUNTY EMPLOYMENT, AND COORDINATE SOCIAL EVENTS TO  
17   ENCOURAGE PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING. AS A COUNTY ORGANIZATION,  
18   WE STRIVE TO HOLD AN EVENT IN EVERY SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. SO  
19   WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE BOARD'S CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR OUR  
20   ORGANIZATION. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

21  
22   **PETER LONG:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY. HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR. ON  
23   BEHALF OF THE VIETNAMESE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, WE WANT TO  
24   WISH EVERYBODY A PROSPEROUS AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR. AS MISS  
25   SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS MENTIONED, OUR ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN

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1 HERE FOR OVER 30 YEARS. OUR GOALS ARE TO PROMOTE VIETNAMESE  
2 CULTURE AND ALSO TO HELP THE COMMUNITY, AS WELL. AND TO GO ON  
3 WITH THOSE GOALS, ON FEBRUARY 23RD, WE ARE ACTUALLY WORKING  
4 WITH THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ASIAN COMMUNITY CENTER, ONE OF  
5 THE COMMUNITY CENTERS IN SOUTH EL MONTE, TO HOST THEIR FIRST  
6 ANNUAL LUNAR NEW YEAR EVENT. WE ARE ALSO PLANNING TO WORK WITH  
7 OTHER LOCAL COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND ALSO OTHER NONPROFITS  
8 IN THE AREA, AS WELL, TO PROMOTE VIETNAMESE CULTURE AND ALSO  
9 HELP OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

10

11 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. I'D LIKE TO ASK THE BOARD  
12 MEMBERS IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US SINCE WE ARE  
13 REPRESENTING THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, OUR EMPLOYEES, AND OUR  
14 COMMUNITIES HERE. SO IF THEY CAN JOIN US FOR A PHOTO.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, DO YOU WANT TO WAIT A  
17 LITTLE LONGER. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, WOULD YOU LIKE TO DO  
18 YOUR PRESENTATION? THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MORE THAN HAPPY TO, MADAM CHAIR. LADIES  
21 AND GENTLEMEN, LET'S GIVE A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE TO THE ONE  
22 AND ONLY REVEREND DR. ALEXANDER HAMILTON. HE'S IN THE HOUSE.  
23 [APPLAUSE] WE ALSO LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE HIS WIFE, LADY ALICIA  
24 HAMILTON. PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE HER, PLEASE. [APPLAUSE]  
25 EXCEPTIONAL FRIEND AND PRODUCER OF A DOCUMENTARY THAT SOME OF

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1 YOU WILL HAVE SEEN AND WILL SEE ON ARETHA FRANKLIN. HE IS THE  
2 ONE AND ONLY ALAN ELLIOTT. ALAN, THANKS FOR BEING HERE. GIVE  
3 HIM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE, PLEASE. [APPLAUSE] WELL, WE HAVE IN  
4 THE AUDIENCE, MADAM CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, A FEW ORIGINAL  
5 MEMBERS OF THE VOICES OF INSPIRATION COMMUNITY CHOIR AND THE  
6 NEW GENERATION SINGERS AND THE EMMANUEL GOSPEL COMMUNITY  
7 CHOIR. AND WE THANK THEM FOR BEING HERE AND WE ACKNOWLEDGE  
8 THEIR PRESENCE, AS WELL. [APPLAUSE] I THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE,  
9 AS WE CELEBRATE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF AFRICAN-AMERICANS DURING  
10 THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, WHAT IS KNOWN AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH,  
11 THAT I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO USE THE CELEBRATORY OCCASION  
12 TO HIGHLIGHT AND HONOR INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO  
13 THE FABRIC OF OUR RESPECTIVE COMMUNITIES ON A VARIETY OF  
14 LEVELS. SUCH IS THE CASE AS I HONOR THE REVEREND DR. ALEXANDER  
15 HAMILTON, A MUSICIAN, A MUSICAL CONDUCTOR, A MUSICAL ARRANGER,  
16 AND, QUITE FRANKLY, A GIFTED IN THE GOSPEL MUSIC INDUSTRY. I  
17 RECOGNIZE DR. ALEXANDER HAMILTON. [APPLAUSE] ALSO JOINING US  
18 ARE THOSE WHO RECOGNIZE THE GIFT THAT GOSPEL MUSIC IS. YOU  
19 SHOULD KNOW THAT DR. HAMILTON BEGAN HIS CAREER AT THE TENDER  
20 AGE OF NINE YEARS OLD. AS A YOUNG CHILD, HE WAS A PRIVATE  
21 STUDENT OF THE LATE HALL JOHNSON, A WELL KNOWN MUSICAL WRITER  
22 AND ARRANGER, WHO TAUGHT REVEREND HAMILTON HOW TO WRITE AND  
23 ARRANGE MUSIC. HE CONTINUED HIS STUDIES IN MUSIC. HE EARNED A  
24 B.A. IN MUSIC FROM DALLAS STATE COLLEGE. HE WAS AWARDED  
25 ADVANCED DEGREES IN THEOLOGY AT THE NEW DIMENSION UNIVERSITY.

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1 HE HAS PLAYED, CONDUCTED, AND ARRANGED FOR VARIOUS MUSICAL  
2 LEGENDS, INCLUDING LOLA FALANA, GLADYS KNIGHT AND THE PIPS,  
3 LOU RAWLS, THE STAPLE SINGERS, SAMMY DAVIS, JR., LIZA  
4 MINNELLI, NATALIE COLE, ETTA JAMES, JAMES CLEVELAND, BESSIE  
5 GRIFFIN, SHIRLEY CAESAR, AND MAHALIA JACKSON JUST TO NAME A  
6 FEW. I TELL YOU THAT ALEXANDER HAMILTON HAS DONE A LOT. FOR  
7 THE LAST 45 YEARS, HE HAS SERVED AS DIRECTOR OF THE VOICES OF  
8 INSPIRATION COMMUNITY CHOIR, THE NEW GENERATION SINGERS, AND  
9 THE EMMANUEL GOSPEL COMMUNITY CHOIR. WE ARE FORTUNATE, AS I  
10 SAID EARLIER, TO HAVE THEM HERE WITH US. AND WE'RE GOING TO  
11 ASK THEM JUST TO STAND SO THAT WE CAN RECOGNIZE THOSE  
12 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE HERE REPRESENTING THOSE RESPECTIVE  
13 ORGANIZATIONS. PLEASE GIVE THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE.  
14 [APPLAUSE] REVEREND HAMILTON HAS APPEARED ON NUMEROUS  
15 TELEVISION SHOWS AND ACCOMPANYING ARTISTS SUCH AS THE BEACH  
16 BOYS, JERRY LEWIS, DIAHANN CARROLL, AND COUNTLESS OTHERS. AND  
17 THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER, HE, ALONG WITH THE VOICES OF  
18 INSPIRATION AND NEW GENERATION SINGERS, HAVE RECORDED SEVERAL  
19 POPULAR ALBUMS. HE WAS ALSO -- HE HAS ALSO CO-WRITTEN NUMEROUS  
20 GOSPEL SONGS, INCLUDING "HE'S A MIRACLE WORKER" WITH EDDIE  
21 KENDRICKS. AND CURRENTLY HE'S THE PASTOR OF THE PHILADELPHIA  
22 CHURCH OF FELLOWSHIP IN LOS ANGELES. AND AS OF LATE, HE HAS  
23 BEEN SEEN DIRECTING THE CHOIR IN THE DOCUMENTARY "AMAZING  
24 GRACE." THAT FILM THAT I REFERRED TO EARLIER THAT DOCUMENTS  
25 THE RECORDING OF ARETHA FRANKLIN'S 1972 PLATINUM-SELLING

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1 ALBUM, THE MOST POPULAR GOSPEL ALBUM SOLD IN THE HISTORY OF  
2 GOSPEL REGARDLESS OF RECORDING ARTIST TO DATE. RECORDED RIGHT  
3 HERE IN LOS ANGELES, 87TH AND BROADWAY, DEEP IN SOUTH LOS  
4 ANGELES IN THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. [LAUGHTER.]  
5 [APPLAUSE] HE ARRANGED AND CONDUCTED ARRANGEMENTS USED BY  
6 ARETHA FRANKLIN ON SEVERAL NOTABLE GOSPEL SONGS HEARD IN THAT  
7 MOVIE. AND IF YOU HAVE NOT YET SEEN THE SCREENING OF "AMAZING  
8 GRACE," I ENCOURAGE YOU ALL TO DO WHAT YOU CAN DO TO SEE IT.  
9 YOU'LL BE BLESSED BY IT. IT'S A MUSICAL EXPERIENCE THAT TAKES  
10 YOU TO A WHOLE OTHER LEVEL. THIS PASSION FOR THE ARTS AND HIS  
11 MISSION TO TOUCH PEOPLE THROUGH GOSPEL MUSIC HAS HAD A LONG  
12 LASTING IMPACT ON OUR GENERATION AND GENERATIONS TO COME.  
13 LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT THE BRIEF VIDEO OF DR. HAMILTON IN  
14 ACTION. ?? I'M GOING WITH JESUS. I'M GOING WITH JESUS. ?? I  
15 HAVE A WHOLE LOT WAITING. ?? ONE OF THESE DAYS. ?? CLAP YOUR  
16 HANDS. ?? TAP YOUR FEET. ?? I'LL HAVE A HOLY ?? CELEBRATION.  
17

18 **DR. ALEXANDER HAMILTON:** IT'S MY LOVE. I LOVE THE LORD. I LOVE  
19 HIS WORK. AND I'M COMMITTED TO HIS MESSAGE. THAT WAS WHEN I  
20 KNEW I WAS GOING TO BE PLAYING FOR A LONG TIME TO COME. THE  
21 THING THAT DRIVES GOSPEL AND THAT REALLY MAKES IT SO EXCITING  
22 IS THE MESSAGE AND THE FEELING THAT THE PEOPLE RECEIVING IT  
23 HAVE ABOUT THAT MESSAGE. I WORKED WITH LOLA FALANA, BILL  
24 COSBY, ARETHA FRANKLIN, A LOT OF OTHER PEOPLE. AND I ENJOYED  
25 THAT. BUT I NEVER STOPPED PLAYING FOR CHURCH. ?? THE MAN WHO

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1   MADE ME FREE. ?? HE WAS THE MAN LET TO -- AND SUFFER. HE DIED  
2   FOR YOU AND FOR ME.

3

4   **DR. ALEXANDER HAMILTON:** I HAVE NO INTENTION OF STOPPING THIS  
5   SIDE OF THE YEAR 3000. WHENEVER I STOP IS WHEN GOD TAKES ME  
6   HOME, AND THEN I'VE GOT ANOTHER CHOIR TO SING WITH. [APPLAUSE]

7

8   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SO LET ME TAKE A MOMENT NOW TO INVITE ALAN  
9   ELLIOTT, PRODUCER OF "AMAZING GRACE," JUST TO SAY A FEW WORDS.  
10   ALAN, PLEASE COME FORWARD? [APPLAUSE]

11

12   **ALAN ELLIOTT:** I WANT TO THANK MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, WHO'S BEEN A  
13   REAL FRIEND AND HAS ACKNOWLEDGED MY FRIEND, ALEXANDER  
14   HAMILTON. ALL RIGHT. SO I WROTE A COUPLE THINGS ABOUT YOU.  
15   [LAUGHTER.] WE HAVE TRAVELED AROUND, BEFORE ALEX WAS STRICKEN  
16   AND PUT IN A WHEELCHAIR. AND WE'RE GOING TO GET HIM OUT OF IT.  
17   [APPLAUSE] BUT BEFORE THAT, WE WENT TO THE TELLURIDE FILM  
18   FESTIVAL A COUPLE YEARS AGO. AND ALEX WAS THE MOST POPULAR  
19   PERSON ON THAT CAMPUS TO THE POINT WHERE I CAME TO THE FIRST  
20   PARTY, AND I WALKED IN. AND MERYL STREEP WANTED TO GET A  
21   SELFIE TAKEN WITH ALEXANDER HAMILTON. WHEN I FIRST GOT THE  
22   FILM OF "AMAZING GRACE," NOBODY HAD EVER SEEN THE FILM. AND  
23   EVERYBODY KNOWS THE RECORD. AND THEN YOU SEE THE JOY AND THE  
24   LOVE OF ALEXANDER HAMILTON CONDUCTING THE CHOIR AND THE BAND.  
25   AND YOU SAID, OH IT'S ARETHA'S RECORD, BUT THAT'S ALEX.



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1 ALEXANDER HAMILTON'S KINDNESS, GRACIOUSNESS, DEVOTION, AND  
2 LOVE COMES THROUGH IN HIS MUSIC AND IN HIS BEING. WE ALL KNOW  
3 HIS WORK EVEN IF WE NEVER KNEW WHERE IT CAME FROM. I'M HERE  
4 TODAY TO TELL US AND TO REMIND US IT CAME FROM ALEX. OTIS  
5 REDDING WROTE A SONG CALLED "RESPECT." HE HAD A BIG OF A HIT  
6 ON IT. AND THEN ONE DAY ARETHA FRANKLIN RECORDED IT. AND  
7 "RESPECT" WAS ARETHA FRANKLIN'S. OTIS REDDING SAID "SHE TOOK  
8 MY SONG." [LAUGHTER.] ALEXANDER HAMILTON QUIETLY AND ASSUREDLY  
9 TOOK GOSPEL MUSIC AND MADE IT HIS. SIMPLY, ALEX IS THE MOST  
10 INFLUENTIAL CHOIR DIRECTOR IN OUR CITY'S HISTORY. I WAS IN  
11 DETROIT FOR ARETHA FRANKLIN'S FUNERAL, AND I ASKED THE CHOIR  
12 DIRECTOR -- THEY DID AN 11-HOUR SERVICE. AND THEY RAN THROUGH  
13 ALL OF "AMAZING GRACE." AND I WENT UP TO THE CHOIR DIRECTOR,  
14 AND I SAID, "HOW MUCH TIME DID YOU HAVE FOR REHEARSAL?" AND HE  
15 SAID, "WE DID IT IN A DAY."" I SAID "YOU DID IT IN A DAY,  
16 HUH?" I SAID, "DO YOU KNOW WHO DID THOSE ARRANGEMENTS?" HE  
17 SAID NO. I SAID, "THE ONLY REASON YOU KNOW THOSE ARRANGEMENTS  
18 IS BECAUSE OF ALEXANDER HAMILTON." WHEN WE THINK OF "HOW I GOT  
19 OVER," "HOLY, HOLY," INEZ ANDREWS STARTED THE ARRANGEMENT ON  
20 "MARY DON'T YOU WEEP." AND THEN THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHOIR  
21 GOT A HOLD OF IT BECAUSE OF ALEX'S ARRANGEMENTS, AND "MARY  
22 DON'T YOU WEEP" BECAME ALEX'S. AND THEN IT BECAME ARETHA'S. WE  
23 TAKE FOR GRANTED THE UNIVERSALITY OF ALEXANDER HAMILTON AND  
24 HIS WORK, BUT HIS WORK IS A MONUMENT TO HIM, TO GOD, TO THE  
25 COMMUNITY OF LOS ANGELES, AND TO THE WORLD. AND, LASTLY,

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1    THERE'S ONE -- MY FAVORITE MOMENT IN THE MOVIE, WHICH I HOPE  
2    YOU'LL ALL GO SEE BECAUSE IT STARS ALEXANDER HAMILTON AS MUCH  
3    AS IT STARS ANYBODY ELSE, IS AT A CERTAIN POINT, ARETHA  
4    FRANKLIN, LATE IN THE EVENING THEY DID A REHEARSAL. AND WE PUT  
5    IT IN THE MOVIE. AND ARETHA FRANKLIN LOOKS AT ALEX AND SAYS,  
6    "WHAT KEY IS IT IN?" AND SHE SAYS IT JUST LIKE THAT. WHAT KEY  
7    IS IT IN? IS IT IN E? AND HE GOES, "NO, IT'S IN F." AND SHE  
8    LOOKS AT HIM SIDE EYE AND SAYS, "IT'S IN E". AND HE SAYS,  
9    "IT'S IN F". AND SHE LOOKS OVER THE BAND. AND THE BAND GOES,  
10   "IT'S IN F." AND SHE GOES, OKAY. [LAUGHTER.] THAT WAS AS MUCH  
11   ALEXANDER HAMILTON AS YOU WILL EVER GET. HE QUIETLY, ASSUREDLY  
12   HAS BROUGHT US THIS MONUMENT OF A CAREER. AND I'M SO BLESSED  
13   TO HAVE HIM AS A FRIEND. AND I'M SO THRILLED TO BE HERE. THANK  
14   YOU. [APPLAUSE]

15

16   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND SO IT IS ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE BOARD  
17   OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE 10  
18   MILLION PEOPLE WHO RESIDE IN THIS COUNTY THAT WE ARE HONORED  
19   TO COMMEND YOU FOR A LASTING, AN OUTSTANDING, CAREER IN THE  
20   MUSIC INDUSTRY AND ALL THAT YOU HAVE DONE AND CONTINUE TO DO  
21   TO INFLUENCE THE LIVES OF MUSIC LOVERS EVERYWHERE AND OTHER  
22   MUSICIANS WHO YET ASPIRE TO THE WONDERS OF GOSPEL MUSIC.  
23   LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE SHOW YOUR LOVE TO ALEXANDER  
24   HAMILTON. [APPLAUSE]

25

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1    **DR. ALEXANDER HAMILTON:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I WAS BORN AND  
2    RAISED NOT ONE MILE FROM HERE. WENT TO UNION AVENUE, WENT TO  
3    BELMONT, RICHARDSON, HIGH SCHOOL, ALL WITHIN A MILE OF THIS  
4    BUILDING. LOOK WHERE I'VE COME FROM. OUR MOTHER WOULD BE VERY  
5    PROUD OF US. [APPLAUSE] I'M GLAD TO SEE THAT ALL MY FRIENDS,  
6    THE CHOIR MEMBERS, ARE HERE BECAUSE I MADE A LIFETIME OF  
7    CONDUCTING GOD'S MUSIC THROUGH THEM. AND I SAID TO MANY PEOPLE  
8    THAT I'M GLAD THAT FINALLY THIS MOVIE HAS COME OUT JUST SO I  
9    COULD PROVE TO MY FRIENDS THAT THERE REALLY WAS A TIME WHERE I  
10   WAS SKINNY AND HAD HAIR. [LAUGHTER.] I KNOW. I REMEMBER THAT  
11   TIME ABOUT YOU, TOO, MARK. WE GO BACK TO 40 YEARS, PLUS MORE.  
12   AND IT'S A JOY TO HAVE BEEN AN ANGELENO, FIRST OF ALL, A CHILD  
13   OF GOD SECOND, TO HAVE HAD THE CAREER THAT GOD HAS BLESSED ME  
14   WITH TO DO THIS. AND AS I SAID ON THE VIDEO YOU SAW, I STILL  
15   SAY IT, I WILL CONTINUE AS LONG AS GOD LEAVES ME HERE. YOU  
16   SEE, YOU KNOW MY HANDS. YOU HEAR MY VOICE BECAUSE OF A SERIES  
17   OF STROKES THAT I'VE HAD IN THE LAST FEW YEARS, BUT AS LONG AS  
18   GOD GIVES ME A FINGER TO PLAY WITH AND A MIND TO THINK WITH,  
19   HE'S GOT ME. AND I'LL BE MAKING HIS MUSIC AS MUCH AS I CAN.  
20   THANKS TO MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS. THANK YOU TO THE BOARD OF  
21   SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU TO MY WIFE WHO CLEANS ME UP AND MAKES  
22   ME LOOK ALL SHARP AS YOU SEE. [LAUGHTER.] IT'S A GROUP EFFORT.  
23   THANK YOU THANKS TO MY CHOIR MEMBERS, MY GROUP MEMBERS, FOR  
24   MAKING ME LOOK GOOD. WE'VE -- I HAVE STARTED -- HOPEFULLY, THE  
25   LORD WILL LEAVE ME TIME TO FINISH IT. BUT I'VE STARTED MAKING

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1 A COMPENDIUM OF THE OLD SPIRITUALS THAT I DID THANKS TO THE  
2 HELP FROM THIS SAME BOARD OF SUP -- DIRECTORS. AND WE HOPE TO  
3 SEE IT OUT IN A YEAR. BUT WHEREVER YOU FIND ME, YOU'LL FIND ME  
4 DOING GOD'S MUSIC. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR THIS TIME OF  
5 RECOGNITION OF MY FEEBLE EFFORTS. AND THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU  
6 FOR HELPING AND FOR YOUR SUPPORT. THANK YOU. THANK YOU TO THE  
7 LORD FOR GIVING ME MY TALENT. [APPLAUSE] AND THAT'S ALL I HAVE  
8 TO SAY. [LAUGHTER.]

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ANOTHER ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR THE ONE AND  
11 ONLY ALEXANDER HAMILTON. WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A LITTLE PHOTO.  
12 YEAH. STAND UP AND GIVE HIM SOME LOVE LIKE HE DESERVES IT.  
13 WHEN YOU SEE THAT "AMAZING GRACE", YOU'LL SEE ALEXANDER IN  
14 ACTION. YEAH.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WHAT A GREAT PRESENTATION,  
17 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. WE GET TO HONOR THE GREAT ALEXANDER  
18 HAMILTON. [APPLAUSE] SUPERVISOR BARGER, YOU'RE ON. KIND OF.

19

20 **SUP. BARGER:** SO ALL GOOD THINGS COME TO THOSE THAT WAIT. WE  
21 ARE FINALLY HERE TO WELCOME AND CELEBRATE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.  
22 I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND TO ALL OF YOU MY WARMEST WISHES FOR A  
23 HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR. TO START US OFF, I'M PROUD TO PRESENT  
24 THE TRADITIONAL LION DANCE BY WONG TAI SEN LION DANCING, WHO

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1 ARE HERE. THEY FOUGHT THE RAIN TO GET HERE. SO WITH THAT,  
2 LET'S BEGIN THE LION DANCE. [APPLAUSE]

3

4 **SUP. BARGER:** COME ON, MR. LAM. SO COUNCILMAN JOE SAID I DID  
5 NOT HAVE ENOUGH ENTHUSIASM. SO THERE YOU GO. THERE YOU GO. AS  
6 WE CELEBRATE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND I WERE  
7 EAGER TO INVITE REPRESENTATIVES FROM OUR CITIES AND OUR  
8 DISTRICTS WHO HAVE PROMINENT CHINESE COMMUNITIES. FROM THE  
9 FIFTH DISTRICT, WE'RE JOINED BY TEMPLE CITY MAYOR WILLIAM MAN,  
10 COUNTY FAMILY EMPLOYEE, PUBLIC WORKS, WHERE ARE YOU? OVER  
11 HERE. AND COUNCIL MEMBER VINCENT YU, ALSO PART OF OUR COUNTY  
12 FAMILY. SAN GABRIEL VICE MAYOR JASON PU, COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN  
13 HO LIAO, AND COUNCIL MEMBER DENISE MENCHACA. SOUTH PASADENA  
14 MAYOR PRO TEM ROBERT JOE, PLANNING COUNCIL -- PLANNING  
15 COMMISSION CHAIR KELLY KOLDUS, ALHAMBRA VICE MAYOR ADELE  
16 ANDRADE-STADLER, AND COUNCIL MEMBER KATHRINE LEE. ALSO FROM  
17 SAN MARINO, MY HOMETOWN, MAYOR STEVEN HUANG. THANK YOU SO MUCH  
18 FOR JOINING US. LET'S GIVE OUR CITY'S FIFTH DISTRICT A ROUND  
19 OF APPLAUSE. AS A SUPERVISOR WHO REPRESENTS ONE OF THE LARGEST  
20 CHINESE COMMUNITY POPULATIONS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, IT'S  
21 PARTICULARLY SPECIAL TO CELEBRATE THIS WITH ALL OF YOU. AN  
22 ANCIENT CHINESE PROVERB SAYS, "A JOURNEY OF A THOUSAND MILES  
23 BEGINS WITH A SINGLE STEP". MAY THE START OF THIS NEW YEAR  
24 SYMBOLIZE THE FIRST STEP OF THOUSANDS WE TAKE TO BECOME A MORE  
25 PROSPEROUS, CHARITABLE, AND SUCCESSFUL COUNTY. I FEEL HONORED

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1 TO BE A PART OF THIS WORLDWIDE TRADITION TO CELEBRATE AND  
2 WELCOME IN THE START OF THE NEW YEAR WITH THIS RICH CULTURAL  
3 FESTIVAL THAT BEGINS DURING THE SHANG DYNASTY AND WAS CARRIED  
4 ON THROUGH OUR OWN COMMUNITIES. EACH ASPECT OF THE FESTIVITIES  
5 HOLDS A SPECIAL MEANING, WHETHER IT BE THE GOOD FORTUNE OF THE  
6 RED ENVELOPES OR THE POWER AND RESILIENCE OF THE LION DANCE.  
7 MAY THE BEAUTIFUL SYMBOLS WE RECOGNIZE DURING THE CHINESE NEW  
8 YEAR STAY CLOSE TO OUR HEARTS THROUGHOUT 2019. AS WE MARK THE  
9 START OF THE YEAR OF THE PIG, I WISH YOU ALL JOY, HEALTH, AND  
10 PROSPERITY. NOW I'D LIKE TO INVITE SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO SHARE  
11 AND INTRODUCE HER CITIES AND SHARE THE HOLIDAY AND WHAT IT  
12 MEANS TO HER.

13

14 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER. A LOT HAS ALREADY  
15 BEEN SAID, BUT I DO WANT TO EXTEND A WELCOME TO ALL OF OUR  
16 CITIES IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. LET'S JUST HEAR IT FOR THE  
17 SAN GABRIEL VALLEY BECAUSE WE ARE ALL BROTHERS AND SISTERS  
18 HERE. I ALSO WANT TO RECOGNIZE THE LOS ANGELES CHINESE CHAMBER  
19 OF COMMERCE AND THE CHINESE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION. WE JUST  
20 RECOGNIZED THE ASIAN AMERICAN AND VIETNAMESE EMPLOYEES  
21 ASSOCIATION ALSO. BUT WITH US TODAY, AND I WON'T NAME ALL OF  
22 THEM, BUT YOU'RE ALL HERE. AND AGAIN IT'S WITH A LOT OF LOVE  
23 AND AMOR AND HAPPINESS. AND I WANT TO INTRODUCE THE CITY OF  
24 MONTEREY PARK. LET'S HEAR IT FOR CITY OF MONTEREY PARK. THE  
25 CITY OF ROSEMEAD. CITY OF EL MONTE. CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE.



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1 AND WALNUT. AND LET'S HEAR IT FOR THE YEAR OF THE PIG. HAPPY  
2 LUNAR NEW YEAR. THANK YOU ALL. [APPLAUSE]

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IS THAT ALL THE PRESENTATIONS?  
5 GREAT. LET'S CONTINUE OUR MEETING AND PLAY THE CODE OF  
6 CONDUCT.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MAY I PLEASE HAVE YOUR  
9 ATTENTION. THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF  
10 SUPERVISORS IS ABOUT TO COMMENCE. A CODE OF CONDUCT WILL NOW  
11 BE READ, AND WE REQUEST THAT YOU COMPLY WITH IT TO ENSURE THE  
12 EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE MEETING. MEMBERS OF THE  
13 PUBLIC, IT IS YOUR RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN TODAY'S BOARD  
14 HEARING, AND THE BOARD ENCOURAGES SUCH PARTICIPATION. HOWEVER,  
15 THE RIGHT OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD MUST BE BALANCED  
16 WITH THE NEED TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INTERFERE  
17 WITH THE ORDERLY COURSE OF THE BOARD'S BUSINESS. ALL ARE  
18 REMINDED TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING RULES. SPEAKERS MUST CEASE  
19 SPEAKING IMMEDIATELY WHEN THEIR TIME HAS ENDED. PUBLIC COMMENT  
20 ON AGENDA ITEMS MUST RELATE TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THAT  
21 ITEM. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT IS LIMITED TO SUBJECTS WITHIN THE  
22 JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD. PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE  
23 RIGHT TO ENGAGE IN A DIALOGUE WITH BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF.  
24 PLEASE REMAIN RESPECTFUL OF THE FORUM AND REFRAIN FROM  
25 UTTERING, WRITING, OR DISPLAYING PROFANE, PERSONAL,

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1 THREATENING, DEROGATORY, DEMEANING, OR OTHER ABUSIVE  
2 STATEMENTS TOWARDS THE BOARD, ANY MEMBER THEREOF, STAFF, OR  
3 ANY OTHER PERSON. MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE SHOULD BE RESPECTFUL  
4 OF THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY SPEAKERS, STAFF, AND BOARD MEMBERS  
5 AND MAY NOT CLAP, CHEER, WHISTLE, OR OTHERWISE DISRUPT THE  
6 ORDERLY CONDUCT OF THE MEETING. ANY PERSON ENGAGING IN CONDUCT  
7 THAT DISRUPTS THE MEETING IS SUBJECT TO BEING REMOVED FROM THE  
8 BOARD MEETING. AND, FINALLY, IF YOU WITNESS CONDUCT OR  
9 BEHAVIOR BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT DISRUPTS YOUR  
10 ABILITY TO REMAIN ENGAGED OR PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING,  
11 PLEASE NOTIFY THE SERGEANT AT ARMS OR OTHER COUNTY STAFF.  
12 THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. LET ME TELL EVERYONE WHAT THE PLAN IS  
15 FOR TODAY. WE ARE GOING TO BEGIN WITH ITEMS 5 AND 11, AND  
16 WE'RE GONG TO TAKE THOSE UP TOGETHER. AND WE HAVE A SET ITEM,  
17 S-1, WHICH WAS SET FOR 11 O'CLOCK. WE PROBABLY WON'T GET TO IT  
18 UNTIL AFTER 11:30. AND THEN THAT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY ITEMS 7,  
19 8, 12, AND 52-A. SO LET'S BEGIN AND TAKE UP ITEM 5. THIS WAS  
20 HELD BY ME. SO I'M GOING TO MAKE SOME OPENING REMARKS. AND I  
21 WANT TO THANK OUR SUPERVISOR WHO IS NOT HERE TODAY, SUPERVISOR  
22 KUEHL, WHO CO-AUTHORED THIS MOTION. AND THIS MOTION HAS TO DO  
23 WITH OUR FABULOUS OLDER ADULTS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND THE  
24 POPULATION OF OUR OLDER ADULTS IS SKYROCKETING. WE'RE HOME TO  
25 1 IN 4 OF ALL OF CALIFORNIA'S OLDER ADULTS LIVE WITHIN LOS

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1 ANGELES COUNTY. AND OUR POPULATION, I SAY OUR BECAUSE I'M IN  
2 THAT GROUP, THEY'RE EXPECTED TO DOUBLE IN THE NEXT 10 YEARS.  
3 AND I THINK THAT PRESENTS US WITH A REAL CHALLENGE. HOW CAN WE  
4 SERVE THIS POPULATION THAT IS STILL VERY ACTIVE AND ENGAGED,  
5 BUT MANY OF THEM ARE FACING MOBILITY ISSUES? WE'RE DEALING  
6 WITH MORE HEALTH PROBLEMS, COPING WITH COGNITIVE CHALLENGES  
7 LIKE ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA. AND WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO SERVE  
8 THESE RESIDENTS AND SHAPE LOS ANGELES COUNTY INTO A PLACE  
9 WHERE THEY CAN, NOT ONLY LIVE COMFORTABLY, BUT WE WANT THEM TO  
10 THRIVE AND CONTINUE LIVING THE FULLEST LIFE POSSIBLE. AND SO  
11 TODAY, COLLEAGUES, I'M LOOKING TO PROPOSE THAT WE CREATE A  
12 STAND-ALONE DEPARTMENT WHOSE SOLE FOCUS IS SERVING OUR OLDER  
13 ADULT RESIDENTS. RIGHT NOW, OLDER ADULTS ARE SERVED IN SOME  
14 WAY OR ANOTHER BY ALMOST ALL OF OUR DEPARTMENTS. ADULT  
15 PROTECTIVE SERVICES IS HOUSED IN W.D.A.C.S., BUT PUBLIC  
16 GUARDIAN IS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. IN-HOME HEALTH  
17 SUPPORTIVE SERVICES IS IN D.P.S.S., BUT THE OFFICE OF SENIOR  
18 HEALTH IS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. SO EVERYTHING  
19 WE'RE DOING RIGHT NOW TO TOUCH OLDER AMERICANS I THINK IS GOOD  
20 AND IS IMPORTANT AND HAS BEEN THOUGHTFUL IN THE PAST. BUT IT  
21 DOES SEEM LIKE WE COULD USE A LITTLE MORE COORDINATION BETWEEN  
22 OUR SERVICES. I THINK WE CAN DO BETTER. AND I THINK A COUNTY  
23 DEPARTMENT DEDICATED TO OLDER ADULTS WOULD ALLOW US TO  
24 COORDINATE OUR WORK. IT WOULD GIVE US THE ABILITY TO BE  
25 PROACTIVE RATHER THAN REACTIVE IN ADDRESSING THIS POPULATION'S

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1 NEEDS, EVERYTHING FROM HOUSING TO MOBILITY TO HEALTH TO MENTAL  
2 HEALTH TO CAREGIVING SERVICES, TO INDEPENDENCE AND PREVENTING  
3 SOCIAL ISOLATION. I WANT L.A. COUNTY TO BE THE PLACE WHERE, IF  
4 YOU'RE GOING GROW OLD ANYWHERE, I WANT YOU TO BE ABLE TO GROW  
5 OLD RIGHT HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. AND WE WANT TO BE YOUR PARTNER  
6 IN GROWING OLD. THIS IS JUST THE FIRST STEP. BUT I'M LOOKING  
7 FORWARD TO SEEING THIS REPORT COME BACK. AND I HOPE I CAN  
8 COUNT ON MY COLLEAGUES' SUPPORT. YOU KNOW, ONE OF THE THINGS I  
9 WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE LOOK AT IS EVEN THE NAME OF THIS  
10 DEPARTMENT. I PERSONALLY DON'T LIKE THE WORD "AGING," RIGHT? I  
11 DON'T LIKE WHEN THEY SELL WOMEN'S COSMETICS SAYING ANTI-AGING.  
12 I DON'T LIKE THAT BECAUSE WE ARE GROWING OLDER. THERE'S  
13 NOTHING WRONG WITH THAT. I DON'T EVEN -- I HOPE WE LOOK AT A  
14 BETTER NAME THAN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGING. I THOUGHT A GREAT  
15 NAME, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, WOULD BE S.A.G.E. HERE'S WHAT  
16 IT STANDS FOR, SENIORS ADVANCING GRACEFULLY EVERYWHERE.  
17 [LAUGHTER.] WHO LIKES S.A.G.E. AS A NAME FOR THIS NEW  
18 DEPARTMENT?

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20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I LIKE S.A.G.E.

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22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IT'S A SPICE.

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1    **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT THIS BECAUSE I AM  
2    AGING GRACEFULLY. SO BEFORE WE HEAR FROM SOME QUALIFIED  
3    EXPERTS WHO WANT TO SPEAK TO THIS MOTION, SOME OF MY  
4    COLLEAGUES WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THIS, AS WELL. AND I WILL  
5    HAVE THE YOUNGEST PERSON ON THE BOARD WHO WOULD LIKE TO SAY  
6    SOMETHING, SUPERVISOR BARGER. WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO SAY ABOUT  
7    GROWING OLDER?

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9    **SUP. BARGER:** WOW, I DON'T KNOW. FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO THANK  
10    YOU FOR THIS MOTION. YOU KNOW, IT'S NOT LOST ON ME THE FACT  
11    THAT THIS IS THE LARGEST GROWING POPULATION, NOT ONLY IN L.A.  
12    COUNTY, BUT ACROSS THE NATION. PEOPLE ARE LIVING LONGER. AND  
13    WITH THAT COMES CHALLENGES. I MEAN WE'RE LOOKING AT IT IN  
14    TRANSPORTATION AS IT RELATES TO ENSURING THAT WE HAVE  
15    TRANSPORTATION NEEDS THAT ADDRESS THOSE THAT NEED TO GET TO  
16    THEIR DOCTORS' APPOINTMENTS, JUST TO EVEN TO GET OUT AND  
17    CONTINUE TO BE SOCIAL AND BE ABLE TO GET TO SENIOR CENTERS AND  
18    ALL. AND IT'S ALSO ON THE HEALTH-RELATED SIDE. I WOULD  
19    ENCOURAGE MY COLLEAGUES TO READ STEVE LOPEZ'S COLUMN AS IT  
20    RELATES TO THE CHALLENGES EFFACED AS HIS PARENTS GREW OLD AND  
21    HAD TO DECIDE THE END OF LIFE DECISIONS AS IT RELATES TO HIS  
22    PARENTS. SO I THINK THAT, FROM A HOLISTIC STANDPOINT, WE NEED  
23    TO LOOK AT THIS. WE NEED TO LOOK AT THOSE THAT NEED TO GET  
24    MEALS ON WHEELS. YOU LOOK AT THE FEDERAL CUTS TAKING PLACE,  
25    THAT'S AN AREA WHERE IT BECOMES A CHALLENGE. FOOD CHALLENGE

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1 FOR THE ELDERLY IS A REAL ISSUE. THAT'S WHY OUR SENIOR CENTERS  
2 LOOK FOR PROVIDING MEALS FOR INDIVIDUALS. SO I LOOK FORWARD TO  
3 THE REPORT BACK ON THIS REPORT. AND I THINK THAT WE HAVE AN  
4 OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS HOLISTICALLY. AND WE TALK ABOUT THE  
5 SENIORS THAT ARE GROWING OLDER. THEY ARE A YOUNG OLD, IF YOU  
6 WILL. THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT ARE STILL VERY MUCH ACTIVE, VERY  
7 MUCH ACTIVE. AND IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO PROVIDE THOSE  
8 RESOURCES, WHETHER IT BE EXERCISE, WALKING, SOCIALIZATION. I  
9 KNOW FOR MY FATHER, EVEN WHEN HE WAS, AFTER HIS STROKE, HE  
10 CONTINUED TO GO IN HIS OFFICE. HE COULDN'T DO AS MUCH, BUT IT  
11 KEPT HIS MIND STIMULATED. SO I UNDERSTAND AND AM SENSITIVE TO  
12 THE FACT THAT WE NEED TO RECOGNIZE THE OPPORTUNITY THAT WE  
13 HAVE AS A BOARD TO MOVE THIS DEPARTMENT IN A DIRECTION THAT  
14 REALLY DOES HAND-IN-HAND WITH THE POPULATION THAT IS ARGUABLY  
15 GOING TO BE THE LARGEST IN L.A. COUNTY AT SOME POINT. SO WITH  
16 THAT, I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN AND ALSO SUPERVISOR  
17 KUEHL FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES. AND  
18 NOT LOOKING WITHIN A SILO, LOOKING AT OUR DEPARTMENTS AND  
19 SEEING WHERE WE CAN COMPLEMENT EACH OTHER BOTH ON THE GOOD,  
20 WHICH IS THE EXERCISE, BUT ALSO ON THE REALITY. AND THAT IS  
21 THE END OF LIFE DECISIONS THAT NEED TO BE MADE. AND THAT  
22 INCLUDES I.H.S.S. BUT ALSO HOSPICE CARE. SO I'M LOOKING  
23 FORWARD TO ADDRESSING THIS ISSUE TOGETHER. THANK YOU.

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1   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND AS I SAID EARLIER, WE ARE  
2   TAKING UP BOTH 5 AND 11. SO IF MY COLLEAGUES WANT TO SPEAK TO  
3   EITHER ONE OF THEM, THAT'S APPROPRIATE. SO SINCE WE'RE LOOKING  
4   TO TAKE THE OLDER AMERICANS AND L.A. COUNTY FOLKS OUT OF  
5   W.D.A.C.S., AND WE'RE GOING TO LOOK AT WHAT ELSE WE SHOULD DO  
6   WITH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND WHETHER OR NOT WE SHOULD LOOK  
7   AT THAT SEPARATELY. SO THAT'S ITEM 11. SO SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-  
8   THOMAS, YOU'RE ON THE QUEUE.

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10   **SUP. SOLIS:** HE'S DEFERRING.

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12   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, THEN I'LL TAKE SUPERVISOR SOLIS WHO IS  
13   BRINGING FORTH A --

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15   **SUP. SOLIS:** RIGHT. MADAM CHAIR, I REALLY APPRECIATE WE THE  
16   FACT THAT WE CAN BRING UP THESE ITEMS TOGETHER. AND  
17   W.D.A.C.S., AS IT STANDS NOW, IS ONE OF THOSE BIG AGENCIES  
18   THAT ENCOMPASSES SO MANY THINGS, SENIOR CITIZEN CARE AS WELL  
19   AS WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. AND I FIRST  
20   OFF WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR JOINING ME  
21   AS BEING THE CO-AUTHOR OF THIS MEASURE. IT'S SOMETHING THAT  
22   ALL OF US HERE ON THE BOARD CARE VERY DEEPLY ABOUT. AND  
23   SUPERVISOR HAHN, I WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU FOR THINKING  
24   OUTSIDE THE BOX. SINCE YOU'VE BEEN HERE, YOU'VE TALKED ABOUT  
25   AGING. MAYBE WE'RE GOING CHANGE THE WORD, BUT REALLY LOOKING



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1 AT HOW WE CAN ELEVATE THE DISCUSSION OF PURPOSEFUL AGING.  
2 THAT'S THE WORD THAT WE WERE GIVEN ALMOST TWO YEARS AGO UNDER  
3 CYNTHIA BANKS AS SHE SERVED AS DIRECTOR. AND PURPOSEFUL AGING,  
4 THAT SAYS A LOT. IT'S A LOADED WORD BECAUSE THERE'S SO MANY  
5 THINGS, SO MANY MEANINGS THAT COME TO MIND WHEN YOU HEAR THAT.  
6 BUT THAT'S ONE APPROACH THAT WE DEFINITELY HAVE TO LOOK  
7 FORWARD TO. AND I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THE DIRECTION THAT  
8 YOU'RE GOING. AND THAT'S WHY I BROUGHT THIS MEASURE UP, ALSO,  
9 BECAUSE I THINK WITH ALL THE OTHER THINGS THAT WE HAVE TO DO,  
10 WE NEED TO ALIGN OUR WORKFORCE PROGRAMS. THERE, TOO, WE HAVE  
11 MAYBE MORE THAN 20 PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY THAT DEAL  
12 WITH WORKFORCE, INVESTMENT, TRAINING, AS WELL AS ECONOMIC  
13 DEVELOPMENT. AND OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS, I KNOW THAT OUR  
14 DEPARTMENT, W.D.A.C.S., HAS DONE A TREMENDOUS JOB IN BRINGING  
15 OUR PROGRAMS UP TO SPEED AND REALLY CREATING THOSE  
16 PARTNERSHIPS THAT ARE SEAMLESS, WORKING WITH THE FEDERAL  
17 GOVERNMENT, WITH THE STATE ENTITIES, AS WELL AS OUR OTHER  
18 NONPROFIT AND FOR PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT WORK WITH US ON  
19 WORKFORCE INVESTMENT. SO I KNOW HOW IMPORTANT AND TIMELY IT IS  
20 BECAUSE OUR POPULATIONS ARE SHARED. WE LOOK AT HOMELESSNESS.  
21 WE LOOK AT DISPLACEMENT OF PEOPLE. WE LOOK AT UNDEREMPLOYED  
22 PEOPLE. WE LOOK AT YOUTH AND ADULTS THAT HAVE RECENTLY LEFT  
23 THE PRISON OR JAIL SYSTEM THAT WERE RECENTLY INCARCERATED THAT  
24 NEED TO NOW BE REINTEGRATED INTO OUR SOCIETY AND NEED THE  
25 APPROPRIATE TRAINING AND SKILLS THAT ARE NEEDED TO HELP THEM

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1 BE INDEPENDENT. SO WITH ALL THAT, WE KNOW THAT WE'RE ALL GOING  
2 TO BE ATTACKING THE VULNERABLE POPULATIONS AND LIFTING THEM UP  
3 IN DIFFERENT WAYS BUT DOING IT IN A MORE STRATEGIC WAY, DOING  
4 IT SO THAT WE'RE REALLY LASER FOCUSED ON JOB TRAINING,  
5 EMPLOYMENT, AND SOCIAL SERVICES AND REALLY LOOKING AT  
6 UPSKILLING, USING THAT WORD, UPSKILLING OUR WORKERS BECAUSE A  
7 LOT OF OUR WORKERS HAVE SKILLS, BUT THEY HAVE TO FINE-TUNE  
8 THEM. THEM TO BE ABLE TO APPLY FOR OTHER LICENSES, FOR OTHER  
9 CERTIFICATES, MAYBE GET THE INCREASE IN PAY BECAUSE THEY HAVE  
10 GONE THROUGH OUR TRAINING PROGRAM. THAT IS SOMETHING THAT I  
11 THINK ALL OF US SHOULD BE LOOKING AT. THERE'S NEW INDUSTRIES  
12 THAT ARE POPPING UP IN BIOSCIENCE, IN AUTOMATION, ROBOTICS.  
13 THINK ABOUT THE GIG ECONOMY, ALL THESE THINGS THAT THE COUNTY  
14 SHOULD BE INVOLVED IN AND HELPING TO DRIVE PEOPLE FOR BETTER  
15 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES. I DON'T THINK ANY OF US HERE WILL  
16 WALK AWAY FROM THE FACT THAT WE KNOW THAT MANY IN OUR COUNTY  
17 RIGHT NOW ARE FACING MANY ECONOMIC BARRIERS. AND WE HAVE TO  
18 ALLEVIATE AND PROVIDE RELIEF TO OUR CONSTITUENTS BY TEARING  
19 DOWN THOSE BARRIERS. AND ONE GOOD WAY IS TO GIVE SOMEONE A  
20 JOB, TRAINING, A SENSE OF EMPOWERMENT BUT ALSO LOOKING AT HOW  
21 WE CAN ADVANCE OUR ECONOMIC WELL-BEING. SOME OF THOSE THINGS  
22 I'VE ALREADY TALKED ABOUT. TODAY WE'RE GOING TO HEAR FROM AN  
23 EXPERT ON ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, PROFESSOR CHRIS  
24 TILLY FROM U.C.L.A., WHO WILL HELP EXPAND ON MANY OF THE  
25 TOPICS THAT WE'RE TALKING HERE TODAY. WE'LL ALSO HEAR FROM

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1 SOMEONE FROM THE CITY OF L.A. ON THEIR WORKFORCE EXPERIENCE.  
2 AND TODAY WITH THIS MOTION, WE'RE ASKING FOR A REPORT BACK  
3 WITH RECOMMENDATIONS ON WHAT SOME POSSIBLE STRUCTURES FOR THE  
4 BOARD TO CONSIDER. AND THAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT BECAUSE WE'RE  
5 LOOKING AT W.D.A.C.S. AS A WHOLE, BUT THERE'S SO MANY OTHER  
6 COMPONENTS THAT ARE A PART OF W.D.A.C.S.. SO I WANT TO MAKE  
7 SURE THAT WHEN WE TAKE A LOOK AT THIS DISCUSSION THAT WE  
8 REALLY FOCUS ON AGING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND WORKFORCE  
9 DEVELOPMENT. BUT WITH THAT, WE ALSO HAVE TO LOOK AT THE  
10 NEEDIEST COMMUNITIES. AND WE KNOW THAT UNDER W.D.A.C.S., HUMAN  
11 RELATIONS COMMISSION IS THERE. AND WE ALSO KNOW THAT COMMUNITY  
12 AND SENIOR CENTERS. BUT THEY ALSO FOCUS ON YOUNG PEOPLE. SO IT  
13 ISN'T EXCLUSIVELY SENIORS. WE ALSO ARE DEALING WITH YOUNG  
14 PEOPLE, TEENAGERS. IN FACT, WE HAVE ONE OF THE LARGEST  
15 PROGRAMS TO HELP PROVIDE ACTIVITIES AND SUPPORT FOR YOUNG  
16 PEOPLE AND EVEN INFANTS. SO THOSE ARE THINGS WE NEED TO THINK  
17 ABOUT. THE NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION IS UNDER  
18 W.D.A.C.S. SOMETHING THAT WE ALSO HAVE TO FACTOR IN. SO THIS  
19 REPORT BACK WILL HELP US GUIDE, I THINK, OUR PLAN, SO THAT WE  
20 CAN MOVE FORWARD AND DO THIS SEAMLESSLY WITH EFFICIENCY IN  
21 MIND, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND TRANSPARENCY. AND HOPEFULLY IN THE  
22 END, THE FINAL ANALYSIS, IS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE SEAMLESS,  
23 THAT REDUCE OVERHEAD AND COSTS AND STREAMLINE WHERE WE CAN,  
24 BUT MAKE OUR SAFETY NET BROADER THAN WHAT IT IS TODAY. SO,

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1 MADAM CHAIR, WITH THAT, I ASK FOR SUPPORT ON THIS MOTION, AS  
2 WELL. YOUR MOTION, AS WELL, 5 AND 11. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR  
5 THOSE THOUGHTFUL REMARKS. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR, COLLEAGUES, THANK YOU VERY  
8 MUCH. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I THINK WHAT YOU'RE HEARING  
9 EXPRESSED IS A CLEAR SENSE OF HOW IMPORTANT THE WORK OF THIS  
10 PARTICULAR POPULATION AND RELATED POPULATIONS IS TO THIS BOARD  
11 BECAUSE IT IS VITAL IN TERMS OF THE CONTEXT OF THE LIVED  
12 EXPERIENCE OF THE COUNTY AS A WHOLE. I THINK IT'S CLEAR WE  
13 HAVE A COMMON GOAL IN MIND, AND THAT'S ESSENTIALLY TO IMPROVE  
14 THE COUNTY'S PROGRAMMING AND SERVICE DELIVERY IN ORDER TO  
15 ACHIEVE IMPROVED OUTCOMES FOR THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN, WORK IN,  
16 DO BUSINESS WITH, AND OTHERWISE INTERACT WITH THE COUNTY OF  
17 LOS ANGELES. BUT IN ORDER TO DO THIS, IT'S IMPORTANT TO  
18 RECOGNIZE THAT, WHILE THERE ARE MANY EXAMPLES OF EFFECTIVE AND  
19 HIGH QUALITY PROGRAMS WITHIN THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, THERE'S  
20 ALSO ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT. THIS IS NOT A BOARD THAT IS  
21 UNWILLING TO REFLECT ON THE STATUS QUO, ITS CURRENT  
22 ORGANIZATIONAL FRAMEWORKS, AND SAY THIS IS WHAT CAN BE BETTER.  
23 THIS IS A FORWARD LOOKING BOARD. AND TO THE EXTENT THAT THAT  
24 IS THE CASE, WE ENGAGED IN CONSTRUCTIVE CRITIQUE OF OUR  
25 EXISTING STRUCTURES. SUCH IS THE CASE TODAY. AND THE

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1 ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURES GUIDING THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS HAVE  
2 BEEN LARGELY BASED ON ADMINISTRATIVE COMMONALITIES AND  
3 HISTORICAL PRECEDENT RATHER THAN ON HOW DEPARTMENTS CAN BEST  
4 ALIGN TO SERVE CONSTITUENTS IN A CLIENT-FOCUSED MANNER. AND TO  
5 THE EXTENT THAT THAT IS THE CASE, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE  
6 MOTIONS THAT ARE BEFORE US AND THE ONE THAT I WILL INTRODUCE  
7 SEEK TO CAUSE OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND THE RANGE OF  
8 ENTITIES IN PLAY TO COME BACK TO US HAVING THOUGHT ABOUT ALL  
9 OF WHAT WE ARE PUTTING TOGETHER NOW. IT IS A MISTAKE TO VIEW  
10 THESE MOTIONS AS DUELING MOTIONS. THEY ARE NOT. THE  
11 UNDERSCORING POINT TO BE APPRECIATED IS THAT THEY ARE  
12 COMPLEMENTARY MOTIONS. IN OTHER WORDS, IF WE HAD MADE IT AN  
13 OMNIBUS MOTION, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN 15 PAGES LONG. INSTEAD,  
14 WHAT WE HAVE CHOSEN TO DO IS ACCENT DIFFERENT POINTS, AS WAS  
15 ARTICULATED BY THE CHAIR, AS WAS ARTICULATED BY SUPERVISOR  
16 SOLIS, TAKING NOTE OF THE FACT THAT I'M A CO-AUTHOR THERE, AS  
17 ARTICULATED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. DIFFERENT POINTS OF ACCESS  
18 ARE EMPHASIS. NOW, TO THE EXTENT THAT THAT IS THE CASE, IT  
19 BECOMES THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND  
20 THOSE WHO ARE ASSIGNED THE TASK OF REPORTING BACK TO DO A VERY  
21 CAREFUL DIVE AND ANALYSIS OF HOW WE CAN MAKE THIS BETTER, HOW  
22 WE CAN MAKE IT VIBRANT. WHAT APPROPRIATE 21ST CENTURY  
23 CONSTRUCTS CAN WE PUT IN PLACE? AND TO RE-VISIT THE NOTION OF  
24 W.D.A.C.S. AND THE SISTER ORGANIZATIONS THAT COULD, IN FACT,  
25 MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE AND BE MORE ROBUST, MORE VIBRANT, MORE

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1 EFFECTIVE. THAT'S THE THRUST OF THE MOTION THAT I'M OFFERING  
2 EXAMINING COUNTY ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURES TO IMPROVE THE  
3 LIVES OF ANGELENOS INTERPRETED AS COMPLEMENTARY TO THE  
4 EXISTING MOTIONS THAT ARE BEFORE US. IT'S ESSENTIALLY A REPORT  
5 BACK, COLLEAGUES. AND I TRUST THAT WE CAN ALL BE SUPPORTIVE OF  
6 EACH OTHERS' MOTIONS AND THEN COME BACK WITH A MAJOR REPORT  
7 THAT WE CAN DIGEST AT THAT TIME. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. AND  
10 WE'LL GO TO MR. SOLORAZANO FROM W.D.A.C.S. TO GIVE US HIS SAGE  
11 ADVICE.

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13 **OTTO SOLORAZANO:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. ON BEHALF OF  
14 W.D.A.C.S. AND THE AGING NETWORK, THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
15 LEADERSHIP IN DRAWING ATTENTION TO THE ISSUE OF HOW WE CAN  
16 PROVIDE THE BEST SERVICES TO OUR OLDER POPULATION. THIS ISSUE  
17 IS SO CRITICAL BECAUSE TODAY THE OLDER POPULATION IN THE  
18 COUNTY IS RAPIDLY GROWING. THE POPULATION OF OLDER ADULTS IN  
19 THE COUNTY IS EXPECTED TO GROW TO DOUBLE FROM 2010 TO 2030. BY  
20 2030, IT'S EXPECTED THAT 1 IN 5 AMERICANS WILL BE AGE 65 AND  
21 OVER. SO THIS ISSUE, FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE, TOUCHES ALL OF US.  
22 AND IF IT DOESN'T, IT TOUCHES OUR PARENTS, OUR GRANDPARENTS.  
23 SO, WE BELIEVE THAT THERE IS AN URGENCY TO TAKE SIGNIFICANT  
24 ACTION NOW TO PREPARE OUR SYSTEMS, SERVICES, AND COMMUNITIES  
25 SO THAT OLDER ADULTS CAN THRIVE AS THEY AGE. YOUR BOARD'S

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1 LEADERSHIP IS SO ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL TO PREPARE THE COUNTY  
2 FOR THIS DEMOGRAPHIC SHIFT. THAT'S WHY WE ARE SO PLEASED TO  
3 SEE THE MOTION PUT FORTH TODAY BY SUPERVISOR HAHN AND KUEHL.  
4 WE VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THE LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE. OUR  
5 DEPARTMENT AND L.S.C. THROUGH THE PURPOSEFUL AGING ARE WORKING  
6 CLOSELY WITH LOCAL UNIVERSITIES LIKE U.C.L.A., U.S.C.,  
7 A.A.R.P., MILKEN INSTITUTE, VARIOUS CITIES, AND OTHER PARTNERS  
8 TO STRENGTHEN REGIONAL SYSTEMS TO BUILD AN AGE-FRIENDLY FUTURE  
9 IN LOS ANGELES. TO CONCLUDE MY REMARKS, W.D.A.C.S. STANDS  
10 READY TO PLAY A LEAD ROLE IN IMPLEMENTING THE BOARD'S VISION  
11 AND DIRECTION. WE ARE COMMITTED TO WORKING COLLABORATIVELY TO  
12 ENSURE THE COUNTY PUTS IN PLACE THE MOST EFFECTIVE STRUCTURE  
13 THAT BEST MEETS THE NEEDS OF OUR RAPIDLY GROWING POPULATION.  
14 THANK YOU.

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16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MADAM EXECUTIVE  
17 OFFICER, CAN YOU CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT HAVE  
18 SIGNED UP ON THESE ITEMS?

19

20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE  
21 COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU?  
22 LARA TREJO, GRACE CHENG BRAUN, DR. MARIA ARANDA, TIM WATKINS,  
23 DR. CATHERINE SARKISIAN, AND CARMEN REYES. PLEASE COME FORWARD  
24 AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

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1    **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AND I BELIEVE WE WILL GIVE YOU EACH OF YOU  
2    90 SECONDS TO SPEAK NOT TWO MINUTES, NOT ONE MINUTE, BUT 90.  
3    YOU DO NOT HAVE TO USE YOUR WHOLE 90 SECONDS. WE'RE NOT  
4    GETTING ANY YOUNGER UP HERE. OKAY. HI, LARA.

5

6    **LARA TREJO:** GOOD MORNING.

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8    **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING.

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10   **LARA TREJO:** MADAM CHAIR AND HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF  
11   SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS LARA TREJO. AND I SERVE AS THE GENERAL  
12   MANAGER OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF AGING. I AM  
13   HERE TODAY TO EXPRESS MAYOR ERIC GARCETTI'S SUPPORT OF THE  
14   MOTION BEING INTRODUCED TO IMPROVE SERVICES TO OLDER ADULTS BY  
15   LOOKING INTO THE FEASIBILITY OF CREATING A STAND-ALONE  
16   DEPARTMENT. WE ARE VERY EXCITED ABOUT LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE  
17   WITH YOU. MAYOR GARCETTI HAS BEEN A STEADFAST SUPPORTER AND  
18   HAS LED ON IMPROVING OLDER ADULT SERVICES WITHIN THE CITY OF  
19   LOS ANGELES. FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS, HE HAS BEEN YOUR PARTNER  
20   IN PURPOSEFUL AGING LOS ANGELES. AND P.A.L.A., AS WE CALL IT,  
21   PURPOSEFUL AGING, HAS ALREADY BEGUN TO CHANGE HOW CITY AND  
22   COUNTY DEPARTMENTS WORK AROUND OLDER ADULTS. THIS MOTION  
23   BUILDS ON THE WORK THAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING. AND IT CREATES  
24   THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO GIVE THOUGHTFUL ANALYSIS OF HOW TO  
25   MOVE FORWARD. THE POPULATION, AS MR. SOLORAZANO SAID, IT

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1 CONTINUES TO GROW. AND THE MAYOR IS SUPPORTING THE MOTION AND  
2 IS REQUESTING THAT THE COUNTY ACTIVELY ENGAGE THE CITY  
3 THROUGHOUT. WE ALL KNOW THAT OLDER ADULTS, AS A POPULATION,  
4 HAVE MANY NEEDS TO MEET. BUT THEY ALSO, AT THE SAME TIME, ARE  
5 RESILIENT AND TREASURE TROVES OF EXPERIENCE, KNOWLEDGE, AND  
6 SKILLS. AMONG THEIR MOST VALUED ASSET IS TIME. AND AS  
7 COMMUNITIES, WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE USING THAT TIME  
8 ASSUREDLY AND INVESTED WELL ACROSS ALL AGES.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. THANK  
11 MAYOR GARCETTI FOR US FOR HIS SUPPORT. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

12

13 **GRACE CHENG BRAUN:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS GRACE CHENG BRAUN.  
14 I'M PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF WISE AND HEALTHY AGING, A  
15 COMMUNITY-BASED NONPROFIT SOCIAL SERVICES ORGANIZATION THAT'S  
16 BEEN SERVING COMMUNITIES IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA SINCE 1972.  
17 IN ADDITION TO A NUMBER OF OTHER PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS AND  
18 CAREGIVERS, WE ARE THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE CITY OF LOS  
19 ANGELES AND COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES LONG TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN  
20 PROGRAM, THE LARGEST PROGRAM IN THE NATION IN ELDER ABUSE  
21 PREVENTION SERVICES SINCE EARLY 1980. WE'RE PROUD TO STAND  
22 WITH OUR COLLEAGUES IN THE FIELD OF AGING TO SUPPORT YOUR  
23 EXPLORATION AND CONSIDERATION OF A STAND-ALONE COUNTY  
24 DEPARTMENT DEDICATED SOLELY TO SERVING THE RAPIDLY GROWING  
25 OLDER ADULT POPULATION. THE SINCERE MEANINGFUL WORKING

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1 RELATIONSHIP THAT CYNTHIA BANKS AND LARA TREJO HAVE MAINTAINED  
2 AND GROWN OVER THE YEARS SERVES AS A STRONG FOUNDATION FOR THE  
3 COMING TOGETHER OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND COUNTY SERVICES  
4 FOR OLDER ADULTS. THE WORK ON PURPOSEFUL AGING IS A FINE  
5 EXAMPLE OF COLLABORATION. THEY'VE SET THE STAGE. AND THIS HAS  
6 BEEN LONG IN COMING. THE SILVER TSUNAMI IS INDEED UPON US. AND  
7 IT BEHOOVES US TO BE ACTIVE IN OUR PLANNING. LOS ANGELES IS  
8 HOME TO OUR COUNTRY'S LARGEST CONCENTRATION OF ADULTS AGED 60  
9 AND OLDER. THE NEED FOR SERVICES WILL ONLY GROW AND INTENSIFY  
10 AS WE ALL KNOW. WISE AND HEALTHY AGING IS A CONTRACTED SERVICE  
11 PROVIDER FOR BOTH A.A.A.S AND HAVE WORKED CLOSELY WITH THE  
12 CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND COUNTY W.D.A.C.S. FOR DECADES. THE  
13 TIMING IS RIGHT, AND THIS MAKES SO MUCH SENSE TO BRING  
14 TOGETHER THE SERVICES.

15  
16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

17  
18 **MARIA ARANDA:** FOR THE RECORD, MY NAME IS MARIA ARANDA. I'M ON  
19 THE FACULTY OF THE U.S.C. SUZANNE DWORAK-PECK SCHOOL OF SOCIAL  
20 WORK AND ALSO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE U.S.C. ROYBAL  
21 INSTITUTE ON AGING. I WAS ON THE SURVEY EVALUATION WORKGROUP  
22 COMPRISED OF MULTIPLE ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS IN L.A. COUNTY.  
23 AND WE ANALYZED OVER 14,000 SURVEYS THAT COMPRISE PART OF THE  
24 PURPOSEFUL AGING REPORT WHICH YOU RECEIVED LAST YEAR. I'D LIKE  
25 TO GIVE TWO INSIGHTS. FIRST OF ALL, MOST AND ADULTS AND OLDER

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1 ADULTS LIVING IN THE REGION ARE STAY-PUT PEOPLE, MEANING THEY  
2 WANT TO STAY IN THIS REGION. THEY WANT TO RETIRE HERE. THEY  
3 ARE NOT GOING ANYWHERE ELSE. SO THEY PLAN TO RETIRE ALONG WITH  
4 FAMILIES, FRIENDS, AND LOVED ONES IN THIS COMMUNITY. THE  
5 SECOND WAS THE TALE OF TWO CITIES, OR I SHOULD SAY THE TALE OF  
6 TWO TYPES OF OLDER ADULTS. ONE IS THE OLDER ADULT THAT IS  
7 FACED WITH NUMEROUS COGNITIVE, PHYSICAL, AND EMOTIONAL  
8 PROBLEMS AND CHALLENGES THAT WE NEED TO ADDRESS WITH WRAP-  
9 AROUND SERVICES. SECOND, WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY DO NOT  
10 FALL VICTIM OF ELDER ABUSE OR NEGLECT. LASTLY, WE ALSO NEED TO  
11 LOOK AT THE OTHER GROUP THAT ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE VIBRANT, WANT  
12 TO VOLUNTEER, CONTINUE WORKING IN THE WORKFORCE HERE IN THE  
13 REGION. WHAT BRINGS THESE TWO GROUPS TOGETHER IS THAT THEY  
14 HAVE VERY LITTLE AWARENESS OF THE EXISTING SERVICES THAT THEY  
15 ARE ELIGIBLE FOR IN THE COUNTY. SO I'D ASK FOR THE PEOPLE TO  
16 PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE THESE POINTS. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND WELCOME, TIM  
19 WATKINS, WHOSE FATHER TED AND MY FATHER, WELL INTO THEIR  
20 SENIOR YEARS, PARTNERED TOGETHER TO ACCOMPLISH SOME PRETTY  
21 AMAZING THINGS IN L.A. COUNTY. SO, WELCOME, TIM.

22

23 **TIM WATKINS:** SO I'M HERE FROM WATTS LABOR COMMUNITY ACTION  
24 COMMITTEE. AND I WAS FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO BE JUST 12 YEARS OLD  
25 WHEN IT WAS FOUNDED. AND I WAS AROUND MY DAD AND AS CHAIRMAN -

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1 - CHAIRWOMAN HAHN SAID, HER DAD. AND SAW REMARKABLE THINGS  
2 BUILT. AT THAT TIME, BACK IN 1966, THERE WEREN'T ANY SENIOR  
3 SERVICES AGENCIES. THERE WASN'T A DEPARTMENT OF AGING OR  
4 FAMILY AND SENIOR SERVICES. AND WE STARTED WHAT WERE CALLED  
5 THE TWILIGHT CLUBS. AND FOLKS GOT TOGETHER IN EACH OTHER'S  
6 LIVING ROOMS AND PREPARED MEALS. AND THAT'S HOW THEY  
7 SOCIALIZED AND LEARNED HOW TO COME OUT OF THE FIELDS THAT  
8 THEY'VE BEEN RELEGATED TO AGE IN. AND MR. HAHN AND MR. WATKINS  
9 WORKED TOGETHER TO FORGE SOME OF THE FIRST FUNDING SOURCES FOR  
10 WIDESPREAD SENIOR SERVICES. TODAY, WITH 54 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE  
11 BEHIND US, I CAN TELL YOU THIS IS A GREAT DAY. TO PUT THESE  
12 TWO AGENCIES TOGETHER, THESE TWO INITIATIVES TOGETHER, I SEE  
13 THE OPPORTUNITY, PERHAPS YOU END UP WITH A JOINT POWERS  
14 AUTHORITY. I DON'T KNOW. BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY, SENIORS  
15 NEED SERVICES SPANNING FROM CHILDCARE, BECAUSE THEY'RE RAISING  
16 THEIR GREAT GRANDCHILDREN NOW, ALL THE WAY UP TO HOMELESSNESS.  
17 AND I THINK THIS WILL BE THE FIX. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK.  
20 YOU TALK ABOUT OLDER ANGELENOS IN THEIR BACKYARDS. THINK ABOUT  
21 RUBY DANIELS WAS IN HER BACKYARD, THE PALM LANE HOUSING  
22 PROJECT. WHERE MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL WAS BORN WAS IN HER  
23 BACKYARD. SO THANK YOU FOR TAKING US DOWN MEMORY LANE. MADAM  
24 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, YOU NEED TO CALL SOME MORE PEOPLE TO SPEAK.

25

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

2

3 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANKS, TIM.

4

5 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE

6 COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME. CHRIS TILLY, LISA SALAZAR,

7 PAMELA AGUSTIN, AMY PHILLIPS, BARBRA MCLENDON, BEVERLY

8 VENTRISS, BRANDI ORTON, CAROLINE CICERO, DANI KAISERMAN,

9 DARREN DUNAWAY, DIANNE DAVIS, GASTON LASSALLE, KATE WILBER,

10 ORLANDO ESTRADA, WANDA MCGUIRE, YVONNE SUN, DAVID DE LA CRUZ,

11 AND GEORGE BUZZETTI. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST

12 YOU.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES, WELCOME. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

15

16 **CARMEN REYES:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS CARMEN REYES. I'M

17 REPRESENTING THE FOURTH DISTRICT COMMISSIONER FOR THE L.A.

18 COUNTY COMMISSION FOR OLDER ADULTS. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR

19 MOVING THIS MOTION FORWARD PARTICULARLY TO SUPERVISOR HAHN AS

20 WELL AS SUPERVISOR KUEHL. IT IS MY DEEPEST HAPPY DAY, I CAN

21 SAY THIS TO YOU. THERE ARE TWO THINGS THAT HAVE HAPPENED IN

22 THE LAST FOUR YEARS. ONE, MY CUBS WON THE WORLD SERIES, AND

23 TODAY. SO THIS MEANS A LOT TO ME. OVER THE LAST 20+ YEARS,

24 WE'VE HAD MULTIPLE HEARINGS, STUDIES, AND REPORTS RAISING THE

25 QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS AROUND A GROWING AND INCREASING DIVERSE

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1 POPULATION. IN AN ATTEMPT TO SEIZE THE ATTENTION OF  
2 POLICYMAKERS AND HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS AND ALL THOSE INVOLVED  
3 IN THE SERVICE NETWORK, REGARDING THE IMPACTING ON AFFORDABLE  
4 HOUSING, SUPPORTIVE SERVICES, AND BASICALLY A CRUMBLING  
5 INFRASTRUCTURE, FOR TRANSPORTATION, MEDICARE AND AS WELL AS  
6 PUBLIC SAFETY, ALL OF THESE THINGS RUNNING INTO A COLLISION  
7 COURSE WITH LIMITED RESOURCES. SO TODAY, IT'S A NEW DAY. I  
8 WOULD LIKE TO SEE, AS WE MOVE FORWARD, A CREATION OF THINKING  
9 AROUND HOW WE RE-ENVISION, HOW WE REBUILD, AND THOSE ISSUES  
10 CREATING OR ASPECTS CREATING A CULTURE OF LEARNING. HOW DO WE  
11 KNOW WHO WE'RE SERVING? LET'S SERVICE THEM BETTER, BUILD THE  
12 KNOWLEDGE AND CAPACITY AROUND THE ISSUES, IDENTIFY SHIFTING  
13 TRENDS, AND LOOK AT HOW NIMBLE WE CAN BE TO REACT TO THESE  
14 EMERGING TRENDS. I LOOK TO SEE A DEPARTMENT THAT WILL HAVE  
15 INVESTMENT, LARGE INVESTMENT, IN POLICY AND PLANNING, RESEARCH  
16 DEVELOPMENT, DATA COLLECTION, MEANINGFUL DATA THAT WILL MOVE  
17 POLICY.

18  
19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, CARMEN. THANK YOU FOR  
20 YOUR SERVICES, ONE OF MY COMMISSIONERS. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

21  
22 **CATHERINE SARKISIAN:** MY NAME IS CATHERINE SARKISIAN. I'M A  
23 GERIATRICIAN AT U.C.L.A. I HAVE BEEN TAKING CARE OF VULNERABLE  
24 OLDER ADULTS FOR 22 YEARS IN LOS ANGELES. AND I'M SO THANKFUL  
25 AND EXCITED THAT YOU'RE BRINGING THIS FORWARD. I AGREE



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1 STRONGLY WITH SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS WHO SAID THERE'S SO  
2 MANY GREAT SERVICES THAT WE HAVE FOR OLDER ADULTS, BUT WE CAN  
3 DO BETTER. AND THIS IS REALLY AN OPPORTUNITY. I'VE SEEN THE  
4 DIFFERENCE THAT IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES CAN MAKE FOR A  
5 PATIENT. AND I'VE SEEN THEM STRUGGLING TO GET THE SERVICES  
6 WHEN THEY CAN'T GET IT. AND THEN ALL OF A SUDDEN, WOW, THEY  
7 CAN STAY AT HOME. THEY DON'T HAVE TO GO TO A NURSING HOME.  
8 IT'S A HUGE DIFFERENCE. THE OTHER HAT THAT I'M WEARING TODAY  
9 IS THAT I'VE HAD THE FABULOUS OPPORTUNITY TO BE PART OF THE  
10 PURPOSEFUL AGING LOS ANGELES STEERING COMMITTEE SINCE BEFORE  
11 IT EVEN STARTED. AND SO I'VE REALLY HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE  
12 MS. TREJO AND MS. BANKS WORK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ALL OF THEIR  
13 TEAMS. AND IT'S BEEN THRILLING TO SEE THE CITY AND COUNTY  
14 LEADERSHIP MOVE THIS FORWARD. I GET THE OPPORTUNITY AS A  
15 PROFESSOR AT U.C.L.A., MOST OF MY RESEARCH IS FUNDED BY N.I.H.  
16 AND I GO TO THESE NATIONAL MEETINGS AND PRESENT THE WORK WE'RE  
17 DOING. I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT EVERYBODY REALIZES  
18 EVERYONE IN THE WORLD IS REALLY LOOKING AT LOS ANGELES RIGHT  
19 NOW. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY. NEW YORK CITY'S DONE SOME REALLY  
20 GREAT INNOVATIVE STUFF. BUT WE, WITH OUR DIVERSITY AND ALL THE  
21 INCREDIBLE AGING SERVICES AND THE LEADERSHIP WE HAVE AT CITY  
22 AND COUNTY WITH OUR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND OUR MAYOR, THIS  
23 IS A REAL OPPORTUNITY TO PUT LOS ANGELES ON THE MAP AS "THE"  
24 BEST PLACE IN THE WORLD TO GROW OLD. AND I THANK YOU VERY MUCH

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1 FOR PUTTING THIS FORWARD. I'M VERY EXCITED AND WISH IT ALL THE  
2 BEST SUCCESS.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

5

6 **CHRIS TILLY:** I'M CHRIS TILLY. I'M AN ECONOMIST AND PROFESSOR  
7 OF URBAN PLANNING AT U.C.L.A. HONORED TO BE HERE. I WANT TO  
8 SAY A LITTLE ABOUT WHY I THINK L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF  
9 ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT IS A GOOD IDEA AND SOME  
10 THOUGHTS ON HOW TO APPROACH IT. WHY IS IT A GOOD IDEA? I WOULD  
11 ARGUE THAT ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ARE CONNECTED TO  
12 ALMOST EVERY MAJOR ISSUE FACING THE COUNTY. THIS IS OBVIOUS  
13 WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT ISSUES LIKE TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE OR THE  
14 GIG ECONOMY. BUT IT GOES WELL BEYOND THAT. SO RIGHT NOW,  
15 PERHAPS HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS ARE THE HOTTEST ISSUES. WELL,  
16 A HOUSING AFFORDABILITY PROBLEM COULD ALSO BE VIEWED AS AN  
17 INCOME INSUFFICIENCY PROBLEM AND A JOB LOCATION PROBLEM. ALL  
18 THESE PIECES ARE CONNECTED. ANOTHER EXAMPLE, WHEN YOU THINK  
19 ABOUT CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND INCARCERATION, OBVIOUSLY JOB  
20 OPPORTUNITIES MATTER FOR WHETHER PEOPLE GET PULLED INTO  
21 ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES BUT ALSO RE-ENTRY POPULATIONS. HERE I WOULD  
22 INCLUDE HOMELESS PEOPLE AND FOSTER YOUTH AS WELL AS PEOPLE RE-  
23 ENTERING FROM INCARCERATION. THESE POPULATIONS POSE SPECIAL  
24 CHALLENGES IN TERMS OF GETTING THEM EMPLOYED, IMPROVING THEIR  
25 SKILL BASE, AND SO ON. SO HOW SHOULD WE APPROACH THESE

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1 CHALLENGES? I'M A LABOR ECONOMIST, SO I BELIEVE YOU HAVE TO  
2 UNDERSTAND, MEASURE, AND ACT ON BOTH THE LABOR SUPPLY SIDE,  
3 THE WORKFORCE AND ITS SKILLS, AND THE LABOR DEMAND SIDE, THE  
4 AVAILABLE POOL OF JOBS, IN A WAY THAT'S HOLISTIC AND  
5 COORDINATED. IN OTHER WORDS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND  
6 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ARE COMPLEMENTARY. I WOULD URGE THAT AS  
7 THE COUNTY CONSIDERS CREATING A NEW DEPARTMENT, YOU BASED IT  
8 ON A UNIFIED AND FOCUSED ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
9 STRUCTURE THAT CAN PLAY A STRATEGIC AND COORDINATING ROLE.

10 THANKS.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT  
13 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

14

15 **PAMELA AGUSTIN:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS PAMELA  
16 AGUSTIN. AND I'M THE LEAD ORGANIZER FOR THE EASTSIDE LEADS  
17 COALITION IN BOYLE HEIGHTS. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF MY COALITION  
18 PARTNERS IN SUPPORT OF SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S AND SUPERVISOR  
19 THOMAS'S MOTION BECAUSE WE BELIEVE IT SEEKS TO IMPROVE  
20 WORKFORCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES THAT ARE CRUCIAL  
21 IF ALL RESIDENTS IN OUR COUNTY, ESPECIALLY THOSE WITH BARRIERS  
22 TO EMPLOYMENT ARE TO BENEFIT FROM EXISTING AND FUTURE  
23 INVESTMENTS IN OUR AREA AND THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. RECENTLY,  
24 SUPERVISORS, MY COALITION WON IMPORTANT COMMUNITY BENEFITS  
25 FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AFTER A SIX-MONTH

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1 CHALLENGE TO THEIR LATEST DEVELOPMENT IN THEIR HEALTH SCIENCE  
2 CAMPUS. NOW THROUGHOUT THIS PROCESS, WE ENGAGED IN ONGOING  
3 COMMUNITY MEETINGS. AND WHAT WE HEARD ABOUT THE PRIORITIES  
4 THAT RESIDENTS HAVE, FIRST AND FOREMOST, THEY ARE WORRIED, AND  
5 THEY PRIORITIZE AFFORDABLE HOUSING. SO THEY WANT HOUSING  
6 STABILITY. THEY WANT TO SEE A PERMANENT RENT STABILIZATION  
7 ORDINANCE FOR ALL THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. BUT SECOND, REALLY  
8 FOLLOWING, IS THAT THEY WANT TO PRIORITIZE JOB AND ECONOMIC  
9 DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES FROM ALL PROJECTS, WHETHER THAT IS  
10 IN PRE-DEVELOPMENT AND POST-DEVELOPMENT. SO ALTHOUGH MY  
11 COALITION BELIEVES THAT THIS MOTION IS A STEP IN MAKING THESE  
12 COMMUNITY PRIORITIES POSSIBLE, INCLUDING WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE  
13 A FOCUS ON CAREER PATHWAYS, PAID INTERNSHIPS, AND POST HIGH  
14 SCHOOL CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS AND YOUTH. AND WE  
15 REALLY SEE THIS AS A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. SO THANK  
16 YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP.

17  
18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOU HAVE SOMEONE ELSE TO CALL UP,  
19 MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, BEFORE THE NEXT SPEAKER?

20  
21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD FERNANDO  
22 TORRS GIL PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU?

23  
24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. ONE  
25 OF YOU.

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1

2 **LISA SALAZAR:** I'LL GO, HI, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS LISA  
3 SALAZAR. I'M MAYOR GARCETTI'S WORKFORCE POLICY DIRECTOR. BACK  
4 IN 2014, CITY OF LOS ANGELES ESTABLISHED ITS ECONOMIC AND  
5 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE INTENTIONAL  
6 COORDINATION AND ALIGNMENT BETWEEN THE CITY'S ECONOMIC AND  
7 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES. AS A PUBLIC WORKFORCE  
8 PROFESSIONAL IN THIS CITY FOR THE PAST 25 YEARS, I'VE SEEN  
9 MANY MISSED OPPORTUNITIES DUE TO LACK OF COORDINATION. OUR  
10 PUBLIC WORKFORCE SYSTEM MUST BE AT THE TABLE WHEN A COMPANY  
11 STARTS ITS CONVERSATIONS WITH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO, NOT  
12 ONLY HEAR ABOUT THE GREAT BENEFITS AND OPPORTUNITIES OF DOING  
13 BUSINESS IN LOS ANGELES, BUT TO ALSO HEAR OF THE MANY  
14 WORKFORCE SERVICES AND RESOURCES HIGHLIGHTING THE GREAT LOCAL  
15 TALENT AND HUMAN CAPITAL HERE IN LOS ANGELES. SINCE THE  
16 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CITY'S E.W.D.D., THE WORKFORCE SYSTEM HAS  
17 BEEN A PART OF MANY CONVERSATIONS WHEN BUSINESSES COME TO  
18 DISCUSS ITS PLANS TO ESTABLISH SHOP, TO INTRODUCE NEW PRODUCT  
19 LINES, OR TO EXPAND OPERATIONS AND ASK EMPLOYERS AT THAT TABLE  
20 WHAT THEIR CURRENT AND FUTURE LABOR NEEDS MAY BE. FROM THAT  
21 CONVERSATION, WORKFORCE CAN EVALUATE THE CURRENT TALENT POOL  
22 AND IMMEDIATELY COORDINATE WITH LOCAL SERVICE PROVIDERS,  
23 EDUCATION AGENCIES, TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY TRAINING OR  
24 UPSKILLING THAT IS NEEDED TO FILL THOSE JOBS. WE SHOULD NEVER  
25 LEARN OF JOB OPPORTUNITIES WHEN COMPANIES ANNOUNCE THEM

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1 PUBLICLY. WE SHOULD BE WORKING CONCURRENTLY WITH ECONOMIC  
2 DEVELOPMENT TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS A ROBUST PIPELINE OF  
3 LOCALLY SKILLED WORKERS AND, WHENEVER POSSIBLE, BRING VARIOUS  
4 EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS UNDER ONE ROOF OR TO ONE TABLE TO IMPROVE  
5 COORDINATION.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BEING HERE. NEXT  
8 SPEAKER, PLEASE. YEAH, GO AHEAD.

9

10 **AMY PHILLIPS:** HI, MY NAME IS AMY PHILLIPS. I'M THE DIRECTOR OF  
11 SENIOR SERVICES AT LITTLE TOKYO SERVICE CENTER. I ALSO SERVE  
12 AS CO-CHAIR OF THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER OLDER ADULTS  
13 TASKFORCE, A COMMITTEE OF THE ASIAN PACIFIC POLICY AND  
14 PLANNING COUNCIL. WE WOULD WELCOME THE CREATION OF A  
15 COMPREHENSIVE COUNTY-WIDE SYSTEM FOCUSED ON OLDER ADULTS AS  
16 WELL AS THOSE WHO CARE FOR THEM. CONSOLIDATING SERVICES UNDER  
17 ONE DEPARTMENT COULD POTENTIALLY IMPROVE EFFICIENCY AND ,MORE  
18 IMPORTANTLY, THE EFFICACY OF SERVICE DELIVERY, PARTICULARLY  
19 FOR GEOGRAPHICALLY DISBURSED POPULATIONS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.  
20 THE REALITY IS SENIOR SERVICES IN L.A. COUNTRY FRAGMENTED AND  
21 CAN BE HARD TO NAVIGATE. YOU ALL NOW THAT THE COUNTY IS VERY  
22 DIVERSE. I CAN GIVE AN EXAMPLES FROM THE COMMUNITY I'M MOST  
23 FAMILIAR WITH, THE A.P.I. COMMUNITY, WHICH IS NOT A SINGLE  
24 COMMUNITY, BUT MANY COMMUNITIES. WE HAVE HISTORIC CENTERS LIKE

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1 LITTLE TOKYO BUT LIVE AND WORK ALL OVER THE COUNTY. AND IF WE  
2 COULD RECEIVE OUR --

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** LET ME JUST STOP YOU ONE SECOND. THERE'S A  
5 LITTLE BIT TOO MUCH NOISE IN THE AUDIENCE. RIGHT NOW OR UP  
6 HERE ON THE DIAS. MAKE SURE WE GIVE EVERYONE WHO HAS COME DOWN  
7 TO SPEAK THE UTMOST RESPECT FOR THEIR 90 SECONDS. OKAY. THANK  
8 YOU. GO AHEAD.

9

10 **AMY PHILLIPS:** SENIORS IN OUR COMMUNITY CANNOT ALWAYS RECEIVE  
11 LINGUISTICALLY AND CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE SERVICES FROM THE  
12 ORGANIZATIONS IN THEIR OWN NEIGHBORHOODS. AND SO WE FEEL THAT  
13 IT'S VERY DIFFICULT. THEY ARE STRADDLING DIFFERENT BOUNDARIES.  
14 AND SOMETIMES THE MENU OF SERVICES OFFERED VARIES FROM ZIP  
15 CODE TO ZIP CODE. ONCE MANY YEARS AGO, A FRUSTRATED LITTLE  
16 TOKYO SENIOR ASKED ME WHY L.T.S.C. COULDN'T PROVIDE ME WITH  
17 THE SAME SERVICES THAT HER SISTER LIVING IN GARDENA RECEIVED  
18 FROM US. I CONFESSED I WAS CAUGHT OFF GUARD BY SUCH A DIRECT  
19 QUESTION AND STARTED TO MUMBLE THE USUAL STUFF ABOUT FUNDING  
20 CATEGORIES AND ZIP CODES BEFORE I CAUGHT MYSELF AND TOLD HER  
21 SHE IS RIGHT. IT SHOULDN'T BE LIKE THAT AND THAT WE HAD TO  
22 FIND A WAY TO MAKE SURE SHE WOULD GET THE HELP THAT SHE  
23 NEEDED. AS OUR DIVERSE POPULATION CONTINUES TO AGE, IT WILL BE  
24 EVEN MORE IMPORTANT TO HAVE SPECIALIZED SERVICES INTEGRATED  
25 SEAMLESSLY INTO A COMPREHENSIVE --



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1

2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

3

4 **DIANNE DAVIS:** HI, MY NAME IS DIANNE DAVIS. AND I'M A VICE  
5 PRESIDENT FOR HEALTH SELF MANAGEMENT SERVICES AT PARTNERS IN  
6 CARE FOUNDATION. FIRST OF ALL, I'D LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR THANKS  
7 FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME AND SPEAK IN FAVOR OF THIS  
8 PROPOSAL THAT'S BEEN PUT IN FRONT OF US TO TAKE THE TWO  
9 DEPARTMENTS, HOPEFULLY TAKE THE TWO DEPARTMENTS OF AGING, AND  
10 PUT THEM TOGETHER IN ORDER TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR THE GROWING  
11 POPULATION OF OLDER ADULTS HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AS AN  
12 ORGANIZATION, WE'VE WORKED FOR TWO DECADES TO ADDRESS SOCIAL  
13 DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH WITH A FOCUS ON ASSISTING OLDER ADULTS,  
14 PARTICULARLY THOSE 60 AND OVER, WITH COMPLEX HEALTH AND SOCIAL  
15 NEEDS. PARTNERS WORKS AT THE NEXUS OF SOCIAL SERVICES,  
16 HEALTHCARE, AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES. THERE'S A NEW WORD  
17 THAT I THINK MANY PEOPLE, AT LEAST IN HEALTHCARE, ARE HEARING  
18 ABOUT CONSISTENTLY EVERY DAY WORKING AT THE SOCIAL  
19 DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH, AND THAT'S REALLY WHERE OUR SWEET SPOT  
20 IS. AS YOU KNOW, LOS ANGELES REGION, AS MANY, MANY PEOPLE HERE  
21 TODAY HAVE SAID, HAS THE LARGEST POPULATION OF OLDER ADULTS IN  
22 THE COUNTRY, 17.8 PERCENT OF OUR POPULATION RIGHT NOW. BY  
23 2030, IT'S LIKELY TO BE 3.6 MILLION PEOPLE. WE REALLY HAVE AN  
24 ISSUE WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON. I COMMEND BOTH DEPARTMENTS OF  
25 AGING FOR THE WONDERFUL WORK THAT THEY'VE DONE UP TO THIS

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1 POINT. AND I AGREE WITH MANY PEOPLE HERE WHO HAVE SAID THAT  
2 THERE'S GREAT EFFICIENCIES TO BE GAINED.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THAT WAS GOOD STUFF, THOUGH, IN  
5 90 SECONDS. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

6

7 **KATE WILBER:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS KATE WILBER. I'M FROM  
8 THE U.S.C. LEONARD DAVIS SCHOOL OF GERONTOLOGY. AND I'M VERY  
9 PLEASE TO SPEAK IN ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT OF THE BOARD MOTION.  
10 THE GOOD NEWS, AS YOU KNOW, IS WE'RE A AGING OR MAYBE A SAGING  
11 SOCIETY. BUT THE IRONY IS THAT ONE OF THE MOST IMPRESSIVE  
12 ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE LAST CENTURY, LONGEVITY, IS ALSO SEEN AS A  
13 THREAT, A TSUNAMI, A QUAKE. SO WE'RE ALL HAPPY ABOUT LIFE  
14 EXTENSION, ESPECIALLY AS WE BEGIN TO EXPERIENCE THE BENEFITS  
15 OF IT, BUT WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO ENSURE THAT THE ADDED YEARS  
16 BECOME A TRIUMPH FOR ALL OF US AND FOR OUR COMMUNITY, AS WELL.  
17 COUNTIES ARE THE ENGINE OF CHANGE AND THE BEST HOPE FOR THE  
18 FUTURE. AND LOS ANGELES HAS AN EXCITING AND AUDACIOUS VISION,  
19 WHICH IS TO BE THE BEST PLACE TO GROW OLD IN THE WORLD.  
20 FORTUNATELY, YOUR VISIONARY THINKING IS REINFORCED BY STRONG  
21 POLICY LEADERSHIP. THERE'S LOTS OF GOOD WORK THAT'S BEEN DONE.  
22 AND PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN TO THAT. IN 2016, YOU ASKED FOR A  
23 PLANNING REPORT. AND YOU WERE GIVEN, TWO YEARS LATER,  
24 PURPOSEFUL AGING ACTION PLAN, WHICH RESULTED IN 34  
25 RECOMMENDATIONS. ONE CROSS-CUTTING RECOMMENDATION WAS THE NEED

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1 TO BUILD ESSENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND SYSTEMS TO GET THE JOB  
2 DONE. SO, L.A. IS WELL-POSITIONED. THERE'S BEEN LOTS OF GOOD  
3 WORK. WE NEED TO USE THIS FOUNDATION TO BRING A STRONG STAND-  
4 ALONE DEPARTMENT TO CONTINUE TO BUILD THE L.A. REGION AS A  
5 MODEL FOR OLDER ADULTS TO THRIVE AND TO DEVELOP THE VALUE AND  
6 UNTAPPED HUMAN CAPITAL OF AN AGING SOCIETY.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. FERNANDO. SO GLAD  
9 YOU'RE WITH US.

10

11 **FERNANDO TORRES GIL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR HAHN AND  
12 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR BARGER. I'M HERE TO LEND MY  
13 SUPPORT AND TO ECHO THE PREVIOUS COMMENTS AND TO SHARE BRIEFLY  
14 OUR EXPERIENCES AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL WHERE WE FACE THE SAME  
15 CHALLENGES. AS BOTH THE FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY ON AGING FOR  
16 PRESIDENT OBAMA AND THEN CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL ON DISABILITIES,  
17 EXCUSE ME, FOR CLINTON AND THEN OBAMA, WE FACED THE CHALLENGE  
18 THAT YOU'RE FACING HERE. SO WHAT DID WE DO? OVER THE YEARS, WE  
19 WERE ABLE TO CREATE A NEW FEDERAL AGENCY THAT BROUGHT TOGETHER  
20 THE FRAGMENTED PROGRAMS FROM THROUGHOUT THE FEDERAL  
21 GOVERNMENT, LABOR, EDUCATION, TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND  
22 URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND ELEVATE THIS NEW AGENCY NOT ONLY TO  
23 BETTER SERVE OLDER ADULTS BUT ALSO PERSONS WITH DISABILITY AND  
24 TO SET THE STAGE SO THAT WE COULD BEGIN TO EXPAND HOME AND  
25 COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES. THAT AGENCY WE ENTITLED THE

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1 ADMINISTRATION FOR COMMUNITY LIVING, THE ADMINISTRATION FOR  
2 COMMUNITY LIVING, TO GIVE THE CLEAR MESSAGE THAT OUR GOAL WAS  
3 TO GIVE OLDER ADULTS, PERSONS WITH DISABILITY, THOSE AGING  
4 WITH A DISABILITY, THE OPTION AND THE DEPENDENCE TO STAY IN  
5 THEIR COMMUNITIES. SO I HOPE THAT MIGHT BE AN INSTRUCTIVE  
6 EXAMPLE. AND I'M HAPPY TO WORK WITH THE STAFF AND WHOEVER  
7 MOVES IN THIS DIRECTION,. BUT THAT AGENCY HAS BIPARTISAN  
8 SUPPORT, GREATER INFLUENCE, LEVERAGE WITH THE WHITE HOUSE AND  
9 THE CONGRESS. AND SO PERHAPS WHAT YOU ARE DOING MAY MOVE US IN  
10 THAT DIRECTION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE WANT YOU TO STAY  
13 INVOLVED WITH US AND HELP US ACHIEVE THESE GOALS. THANK YOU.  
14 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

15

16 **BARBRA MCLENDON:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS BARBRA MCLENDON,  
17 PUBLIC POLICY DIRECTOR FOR ALZHEIMER'S LOS ANGELES.  
18 DEMOGRAPHICS ALONE TELL US THIS IS AN IDEA WHOSE TIME HAS  
19 COME. WITH OVER 177,000 PEOPLE LIVING WITH DEMENTIA IN L.A.  
20 COUNTY, ALZHEIMER'S IS AN INCREASINGLY URGENT ISSUE.  
21 UNFORTUNATELY, MANY FAMILIES STRUGGLE TO FIND THE SUPPORTIVE  
22 SERVICES THEY NEED. THE HIGHER PROFILE AFFORDED BY A STAND-  
23 ALONE DEPARTMENT OF AGING WOULD MAKE IT EASIER FOR INDIVIDUALS  
24 AND FAMILIES TO FIGURE OUT WHERE TO START. IF THE DEPARTMENT  
25 ALSO INCORPORATES THE CITY'S PROGRAMS AND SERVICES, IT HOLDS

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1 THE PROMISE OF CREATING NO WRONG DOOR FOR FAMILIES. THIS WOULD  
2 SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE CONFUSION AND INCREASE ACCESS TO SERVICES  
3 FOR MANY WHO DON'T KNOW WHETHER THEY LIVE WITHIN THE LOS  
4 ANGELES CITY LIMITS. THEY JUST WANT THE SERVICES THEY NEED  
5 WHEN THEY NEED THEM. WE'VE BEEN FORTUNATE TO RECEIVE BOTH CITY  
6 AND COUNTY FUNDING TO DELIVER CRITICAL SERVICES SUCH AS CARE  
7 COUNSELING, RESPIRE CARE, SUPPORT GROUPS AND CAREGIVER  
8 EDUCATION. AND OVER THE YEARS, WE'VE DONE OUR BEST TO SHIELD  
9 OUR CLIENTS FROM THESE CITY/COUNTY DISTINCTIONS. WHAT WE ARE  
10 NOT SHIELDED FROM, HOWEVER, IS THE ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN OF  
11 WORKING WITH TWO DIFFERENT SYSTEMS WITH DIFFERENT REPORTING  
12 AND RECORD KEEPING REQUIREMENTS. WITHOUT QUESTION, REDUCING  
13 THIS ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN WOULD ALLOW US TO DEVOTE MORE STAFF  
14 TIME AND RESOURCES TO SERVING MORE PEOPLE. THAT SAID, THIS IS  
15 A CHANGE THAT WOULD IMPACT CRITICAL SERVICES TO VULNERABLE  
16 PEOPLE SO IT MUST BE DONE THOUGHTFULLY AND CAREFULLY. FOR THIS  
17 REASON, WE'RE PLEASE THE MOTION DIRECTS THE COUNTY TO SEEK  
18 INPUT FROM COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS, AND WE WELCOME THE  
19 OPPORTUNITY TO CONTRIBUTE OUR EXPERTISE TO THIS DISCUSSION.  
20 THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. BARGER:** MADAM CHAIR, ON THAT NOTE, CAN WE GET A STATUS? I  
23 KNOW THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT STREAMLINING THE MONITORING PROCESS  
24 AS IT RELATES TO CONTRACTS AND THE COSTS TO OVERSEE THEM. AND  
25 I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE STATUS IS OR HOW WE'RE GOING ABOUT DOING

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1 THAT BECAUSE IF YOU'VE GOT AN AGENCY THAT'S GOT THREE  
2 DIFFERENT CONTRACTS WITHIN THE COUNTY, EACH ONE HAS DIFFERENT  
3 THINGS THAT REQUIRE MONITORING. AND THE THOUGHT WAS TRYING TO  
4 BRING IT ALL TOGETHER. SO YOU JUST REMINDED ME OF THAT. AND  
5 THAT DOES ADD AN EXPENSE. SO THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

8

9 **GASTON LASSALLE:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS GASTON LASSALLE. I'M  
10 HERE ON BEHALF OF ULTIMATE HEALTH SERVICES CORPORATION TO  
11 EXPRESS OUR FULL SUPPORT FOR THE MOTION. ULTIMATE IS THE  
12 LARGEST FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER IN THE STATE OF  
13 CALIFORNIA. WE PROVIDE CARE FOR NEARLY 300,000 MEMBERS  
14 THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES AND ORANGE COUNTIES. WE ARE ALSO A  
15 TRUSTED SENIOR HEALTH PROVIDER. AND WE HAVE CHAMPIONED THE  
16 PROGRAM OF ALL-INCLUSIVE CARE FOR THE ELDERLY IN LOS ANGELES  
17 COUNTY, WHICH CURRENTLY CARES FOR 2600 SENIORS WITH COMPLEX  
18 NEEDS. AS OTHERS ARE STATED, LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOUSES THE  
19 LARGEST CONCENTRATION OF INDIVIDUALS 60 YEARS AND OLDER IN THE  
20 UNITED STATES. AND THIS POPULATION IS PROJECTED TO GROW OLDER  
21 -- I MEAN TO DOUBLE BY 2030. INEVITABLY THIS WILL RESULT IN A  
22 RAPIDLY GROWING DEMAND FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND  
23 TRANSPORTATION AND COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH SERVICES THAT ADDRESS  
24 THE RISING INCIDENCE OF CHRONIC ILLNESSES AMONG THE OLDER  
25 ADULT POPULATION. WE BELIEVE THAT BRINGING TOGETHER MULTIPLE

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1 EXISTING SERVICES AND RESOURCES INTO ONE AGENCY DEDICATED TO  
2 SERVING OLDER ADULTS, THE COUNTY WILL BE BETTER EQUIPPED TO  
3 RESPOND TO THIS INCREASING DEMAND. LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS WELL  
4 POSITIONED TO LEAD THE NATION IN THIS EFFORT TO ENSURE THAT  
5 SENIORS AGE WITH DIGNITY KNOWING THEY ARE VALUED MEMBERS OF  
6 OUR COMMUNITIES, THAT THEIR NEEDS ARE A PRIORITY, AND THAT  
7 THEY HAVE THE RESOURCES TO THRIVE. WE URGE THE BOARD TO VOTE  
8 UNANIMOUSLY IN SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

11

12 **DANI KAISERMAN:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS DANI KAISERMAN. AND  
13 I'M AN ATTORNEY AT BET TZEDEK LEGAL SERVICES. I'M HERE TO  
14 EXPRESS OUR ORGANIZATION'S SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION. I HANDLE  
15 ELDER ABUSE CASES. MY COLLEAGUES AND I OFTEN WORK WITH COUNTY  
16 PARTNERS, INCLUDING ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES, IN-HOME  
17 PROTECTIVE SERVICES, AND PUBLIC GUARDIAN AS PART OF OUR  
18 EFFORTS TO BRING JUSTICE TO LOW INCOME SENIORS. IN A RECENT  
19 CASE OF MINE, THE ABUSIVE SON OF A 92-YEAR-OLD CLIENT  
20 REPEATEDLY FILED FALSE REPORTS WITH EACH OF THE AGENCIES THAT  
21 I JUST NAMED, WASTING COUNTY DOLLARS AND CAUSING UNNECESSARY  
22 HARDSHIPS TO MY CLIENT. A STAND-ALONE DEPARTMENT WOULD HAVE  
23 SAVED INVESTIGATIVE RESOURCES AND INCREASED EFFICIENCY BY  
24 SHARING ESSENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS ACROSS THE AGENCIES.  
25 ADDITIONALLY, WE HOPE THAT A COORDINATED DEPARTMENT WOULD



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1 IMPROVE SERVICES FOR OLDER ADULTS WITH DUAL DIAGNOSES,  
2 COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT, AND MENTAL ILLNESS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
3 TIME.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER,  
6 PLEASE.

7

8 **CAROLINE CICERO:** MY NAME IS CAROLINE CICERO. I LIVE IN  
9 DISTRICT 3. I'VE LIVED IN 4 OUT OF 5 DISTRICTS, SO I'M COMING  
10 TO YOUR DISTRICT NEXT.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YAY.

13

14 **CAROLINE CICERO:** I TEACH AT U.S.C. SCHOOL OF GERONTOLOGY, AND  
15 I DIRECT THE AGE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITY INITIATIVE. WE'VE BEEN  
16 PLEASED TO BE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PURPOSEFUL AGING. AS YOU  
17 KNOW, AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE HOUSING IS A MAJOR NEED FOR  
18 OUR OLDER ADULTS IN THIS COUNTY. AND IT'S NOT A THING THAT CAN  
19 BE SOLVED BY ONE CITY OR COUNTY. I AM ALSO, HOWEVER, VERY  
20 CONCERNED ABOUT PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN HILLSIDE NEIGHBORHOODS AND  
21 CUL-DE-SACS ALL ACROSS OUR COUNTY. AND I THINK WE NEED TO  
22 THINK ABOUT THE ISOLATION OF PEOPLE IN THESE NEIGHBORHOODS AND  
23 HOW WE CAN REACH OUT TO THEM THROUGH PURPOSEFUL AGING AND ONE  
24 COUNTY AGENCY. ON NOVEMBER 9TH, MY HOUSE CAUGHT FIRE. AND IF  
25 IT WEREN'T FOR THE ENGINE 72 OF THE L.A. COUNTY FIRE

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1 DEPARTMENT, I WOULD HAVE LOST MY HOME. BUT AS YOU KNOW, MANY  
2 OF MY NEIGHBORS WERE NOT SO LUCKY. AND SO I'VE BEEN SO PLEASED  
3 THAT EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESILIENCE HAS BEEN PART OF  
4 THE PURPOSEFUL AGING INITIATIVE. AND I URGE YOU TO INCLUDE  
5 THAT UNDER THE AUSPICES OF A NEW COUNTY AGENCY. THANK YOU SO  
6 MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT  
9 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

10

11 **BRANDI ORTON:** HI, I'M BRANDI ORTON, DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT  
12 RELATIONS AND ADVOCACY FOR ST. BARNABAS SENIOR SERVICES. I'M  
13 THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE LOS ANGELES AGING ADVOCACY  
14 COALITION. I'M FIRST DISTRICT APPOINTEE TO THE I.H.S.S. PAST  
15 GOVERNING BOARD. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP. THIS  
16 IS TIMELY. THIS IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO. I'D LIKE TO REMIND  
17 THAT, AS YOU KNOW, AGING, IT'S TIME FOR AGING TO BE BROUGHT  
18 OUT OF THE SILO OF AGING. AGING IS A COMMUNITY ISSUE. IT'S A  
19 WORKERS ISSUE. IT'S A STUDENTS ISSUE. IT'S AN EVERYBODY ISSUE.  
20 AND SO HAVING A DEPARTMENT THAT FOCUSES ON THE NEEDS OF OLDER  
21 ADULTS IS SOMETHING THAT CAN REALLY BRING THAT ABOUT. AS  
22 YOU'VE ALSO TALKED ABOUT, THERE'S MANY DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS  
23 SERVING MANY DIFFERENT PEOPLE. AND THE EXPERIENCE OF AN OLDER  
24 ADULT IS ONE OF FRAGMENTATION. AND THIS WOULD CREATE THE  
25 OPPORTUNITY TO COORDINATE SERVICES. AND SO WE WANT TO THANK

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1 YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP. AND WE STAND READY TO SUPPORT THE  
2 WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

5

6 **DARREN DUNAWAY:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS DARREN DUNAWAY. I'M  
7 THE SENIOR SERVICES DIRECTOR AT HUMAN SERVICES ASSOCIATION. WE  
8 CURRENTLY PROVIDE CONGREGATE MEALS, HOME DELIVERED MEALS,  
9 ALZHEIMER'S, DAYCARE, SENIOR CARE MANAGEMENT, HOME-BASED CARE  
10 IN DISTRICTS 1, 2, 4, AND 5. WE'VE BEEN HEARING FOR YEARS,  
11 HERE THEY COME. SENIORS ARE COMING. WATCH OUT. HERE THEY COME.  
12 IN THE LAST 15 YEARS OF HEARING THIS, WHAT HAS ANYONE DONE  
13 ABOUT IT? THIS IS THE FIRST STEP TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. IN  
14 FACT, WE'VE DONE THE OPPOSITE. DURING MY 24 YEARS, WE'VE SEEN  
15 12 AGENCIES COMPLETELY GO UNDER OR GO OUT OF THE AGING  
16 BUSINESS BECAUSE THEY CAN'T AFFORD TO TAKE DOWN THEIR ENTIRE  
17 AGENCY. THE WAY WE'RE DOING BUSINESS HAS HELPED DECONSTRUCT,  
18 ACTUALLY, THE NETWORK. THE NETWORK'S SEVERELY WEAKENED AT THIS  
19 POINT, AND IT'S NOT READY FOR THE NEW WAVE. THE STATE OF  
20 CALIFORNIA ACTUALLY HAS ELIMINATED ALZHEIMER'S DAYCARE AND  
21 ELIMINATED CARE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS. I SEE A LIGHT  
22 AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL. ALTHOUGH THIS MOTION IS A BABY STEP,  
23 IT'S A BABY STEP IN THE COLOSSAL RIGHT DIRECTION. IN MY  
24 OPINION, IT'S TOTALLY DOABLE. WE HAVE THE MONEY. WE CAN  
25 COORDINATE THE SERVICES AND CREATE ONE GREAT DEPARTMENT. THE

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1 TIME IS RIGHT. THE TIME IS RIGHT NOW. THIS WILL DEFINE YOUR  
2 LEGACY. NEVER BEFORE AND NEVER AGAIN WILL WE HAVE THIS  
3 OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD A SOLID FOUNDATION FOR SERVING THE  
4 DEMANDS OF THIS GROWING POPULATION. WE TALK ABOUT AGING WITH  
5 WORDS LIKE PURPOSEFUL AND DIGNIFIED AND RESPECTFUL. WE HAVE  
6 BEFORE US A SIMPLE REQUEST, A REQUEST THAT MOVES IN THE  
7 DIRECTION OF PURPOSE, OF DIGNITY, AND OF RESPECT.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** DON'T FORGET GRACE, REMEMBER? AGING  
10 GRACEFULLY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

11

12 **YVONNE SUN:** HI, MY NAME IS YVONNE SUN. I'M FROM SPECIAL  
13 SERVICE FOR GROUPS. I'M THE DIRECTOR OF SENIOR SERVICES AT  
14 S.S.G. AND WE HAVE BEEN PROVIDING SERVICES TO OLDER ADULTS FOR  
15 THE LAST TWENTY YEARS WITH FUNDING FROM W.D.A.C.S., D.O.A.,  
16 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, H.U.D., AND RECENTLY PARTNERING  
17 WITH L.A.H.S.A. WHAT I WANT TO DO TODAY IS I HAD SOMETHING  
18 PREPARED, BUT, INSTEAD, I HEARD A LOT OF MY COLLEAGUES SHARE  
19 SOME SIMILAR SENTIMENTS. I WANT TO SPEND MY TIME TALKING A  
20 LITTLE BIT ABOUT WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT. I WANT TO SPEND SOME  
21 TIME TALKING ABOUT THE DEARTH OF WORKFORCE THAT IS AVAILABLE  
22 TO SERVE OUR OLDER ADULTS. I'M A MEMBER OF ANOTHER GROUP  
23 CALLED G.F.L.A.G. ALONG WITH A.P.I. OLDER ADULT TASK FORCE.  
24 AND WE HAVE SPENT A GREAT DEAL OF TIME WORKING WITH  
25 UNIVERSITIES TO DEVELOP WORKFORCE THAT ARE INTERESTED IN

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1 WORKING WITH OLDER ADULTS. EVERY YEAR, WITH ALL THE ENROLLMENT  
2 THAT ENTERS THE M.S.W. PROGRAMS, ABOUT 10 PERCENT OF THE  
3 INDIVIDUALS EXPRESS AN INTEREST IN WORKING WITH THIS AGE GROUP  
4 AND FOLLOW THROUGH ON THAT PLAN AND DEVELOP A CAREER WORKING  
5 WITH OLDER ADULTS. THERE'S SOMETHING THAT WE NEED TO DO ABOUT  
6 MAKING THIS FIELD MORE ATTRACTIVE, ADDRESSING THE STIGMA AND  
7 THE NEGATIVITY AROUND AGEISM, SO THAT WE CAN DEVELOP A MORE  
8 ROBUST WORKFORCE THAT COULD REALLY HELP SERVE THE GROWING  
9 POPULATION OF OLDER ADULTS IN L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

12

13 **WANDA MCGUIRE:** HI, MY NAME IS WANDA MCGUIRE, AND I AM A CLIENT  
14 AT THE ST. BARNABAS SENIOR CENTER MID CITY. I WOULD LIKE TO  
15 SAY THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN, AND SHEILA KUEHL,  
16 MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, ALL OF THE SUPPORTERS, AND THE BOARD.  
17 MYSELF, AS AN OLDER ADULT, I AM USING THESE SERVICES.  
18 CONSOLIDATING OUR SERVICES INTO ONE LOCATION WOULD BE GREAT  
19 FOR US. THIS IS A DEPARTMENT THAT IS VERY MUCH NEEDED. THANK  
20 YOU FOR THINKING OF US AND BRINGING THIS TO THE FOREFRONT AND  
21 MOVING THIS FORWARD. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

24

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1 **MANDY CARPENTER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS MANDY CARPENTER. AND I'M  
2 HERE ON BEHALF OF JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE OF LOS ANGELES. J.F.S.  
3 HAS BEEN PARTNERING WITH THE CITY AND COUNTY FOR MANY YEARS TO  
4 SUPPORT THE RAPIDLY GROWING OLDER ADULT POPULATION. I'M HERE  
5 TODAY IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION INTRODUCED BY SUPERVISORS HAHN  
6 AND KUEHL IMPROVING LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S APPROACH TO SERVING  
7 OLDER ADULTS. THE BOARD HAS BEEN FORWARD-THINKING, ENGAGING  
8 PREVIOUSLY AND THOUGHTFUL CONSIDERATION OF THE PURPOSEFUL  
9 AGING INITIATIVE. J.F.S. ENCOURAGES THE BOARD TO BUILD ON THAT  
10 WORK AND EXPLORE HOW OUR REGION WILL SUPPORT OLDER ADULTS AS  
11 THEY AGE IN PLACE. J.F.S. IS PRIVILEGED TO BE AN ESSENTIAL  
12 PART OF LOS ANGELES' ROBUST SERVICE NETWORK PARTNERING WITH  
13 BOTH THE CITY AND THE COUNTY TO PROVIDE ESSENTIAL SERVICES TO  
14 SENIORS. WE BELIEVE THAT A ROBUST STAKEHOLDER PROCESS IS  
15 CRITICAL TO CURRENT AND FUTURE SUCCESS. TOGETHER WE CAN BUILD  
16 SYSTEMS OF CARE THAT CAN ADDRESS THIS COMPLEX AND MULTI-  
17 DIMENSIONAL NEEDS OF THE AGING POPULATION. THANK YOU VERY  
18 MUCH.

19  
20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

21  
22 **ORLANDO ESTRADA:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ORLANDO ESTRADA. I  
23 AM WITH ST. BARNABAS SENIOR CENTER. AND I'M ONE OF THE  
24 FOUNDERS OF AGENTS FOR CHANGE. AND, AS SUCH, THANK YOU FOR NOT  
25 FORGETTING US SENIORS. TYPICALLY, ONE OF OUR GREATEST NEEDS IS

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1 WITHOUT DOUBT IS TRANSPORTATION. THAT'S ONE OF THE THINGS THAT  
2 I FALTER WITH MY LEGS NOT WHAT THEY USED TO BE. I'M A VETERAN.  
3 I SERVED IN THE KOREAN WAR. I WAS NOT IN COMBAT, BUT I WAS  
4 THERE, OKAY. BUT NEVERTHELESS, THANK YOU FOR NOT FORGETTING US  
5 SENIORS. THE NEED OF HAVING GREAT HOUSING -- AFFORDABLE  
6 HOUSING FOR SENIORS IS A BIG NEED, MEDICAL SERVICES. AND THANK  
7 YOU AGAIN FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME TO YOU AND SAY  
8 THANK YOU. AND WE NEED THAT AGENCY. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO  
11 OUR COUNTRY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

12

13 **VICTOR TRUJILLO:** HI, MY NAME IS VICTOR TRUJILLO. YES, 238  
14 YEARS LATER, WE DECIDED TO TAKE CARE OF SENIORS. THEY FOUGHT  
15 IN OUR WARS. JUST BASICALLY WE GOT RID OF ALL THE PEOPLE THAT  
16 COMPLAINED, BUT IN REALITY NO ONE HAS REACHED OUT TO THEM.  
17 I'VE BEEN COMING HERE OFF AND ON MOST OF MY LIFE TRYING TO GET  
18 THINGS DONE. I HAD MY UNCLE FOR SIX YEARS. I WATCHED HIM GET  
19 ROBBED AND EVERYTHING, SENIOR CITIZEN. WE CAME TO THIS BOARD,  
20 AND THE BOARD DENIED US ANY TYPE OF SUPPORT. THEY SAID HE DID  
21 NOT LIVE IN L.A. COUNTY AFTER THEY STOLE HIS PROPERTY IN  
22 PACOIMA. IT WAS A COMMERCIAL PROPERTY. NOTHING WAS WRONG. WE  
23 FOUND OUT WHAT IT WAS. BUT THE COUNTY NEVER EVEN LISTENED TO  
24 HIS CASE. IT WAS SHEILA KUEHL THAT WROTE THAT, AND SHE WROTE  
25 THIS PROPOSAL. SO IF THE UNIVERSITIES ARE INVOLVED, THEY'RE



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1 PRETTY MUCH AN EDUCATED GROUP. I'D RATHER DEAL WITH THE GROUPS  
2 WHAT THAT EDUCATED AND HAS A HEART BECAUSE MOST OF YOUR  
3 EDUCATORS TODAY ARE SENIOR CITIZENS. NO ONE TODAY IS REALLY  
4 REACHING OUT TO THESE PEOPLE, AND I SEEN IT HAPPEN WITH MY  
5 UNCLE FIRSTHAND, AND MY MOTHER AND MY FATHER FIRSTHAND. SO IF  
6 THERE IS A PROPOSAL, DO YOU KNOW WHAT? I KNOW THAT YOU GUYS  
7 ARE ASKING FOR HANDOUTS, BUT THE PROBLEM IS THE SENIOR  
8 CITIZENS, THEY'RE THE ONES THAT BUILT THIS COUNTRY. THEY'RE  
9 THE ONES THAT GAVE US, THE YOUNG PEOPLE, OUR LIVES. AND WE,  
10 FOR 238 YEARS, WE DISAGREED WITH THAT. AND NOW YOU'RE SAYING  
11 THAT WE'RE GOING DO IT? THAT'S FINE. BUT MY UNCLE'S AROUND THE  
12 CORNER. HE COULD STILL GET YOUR HELP. PLEASE REACH OUT TO AN  
13 ELDER. THEY DESERVE YOUR HELP. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

16

17 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** OKAY. I GOT TO LOAD MY CAMERA HERE. YOU CAN'T  
18 RUN MY CLOCK YET.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES, YOU'RE SPEAKING.

21

22 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** DO YOU KNOW WHAT? HEY CROOKED PEOPLE, I WANT  
23 ALL OF YOU TO UNDERSTAND HERE. THEY'RE ON A FEDERAL INJUNCTION  
24 AGAINST AN ELDERLY PERSON. THESE PEOPLE HERE ILLEGALLY  
25 ARRESTED ME, AN ELDERLY GUY, 71, AFTER BEING REFUSED

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1 HEALTHCARE FOR FIVE YEARS ON PURPOSE. YEAH. SO I FILED A  
2 FEDERAL INJUNCTION. AND THEIR STUPID ATTORNEYS AND COURTS SAY  
3 YOU CAN'T TOUCH ME. I SAY YOU BEEN WATCHING T.V., FOOLS. NOW,  
4 HOW AM I A QUADRUPLE JEOPARDY, FOOLS? YOU EVER READ THIS  
5 GARBAGE? YOU DECLARED ME COMPETENT IN COURT 7/13 LAST YEAR.

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7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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9 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** ALL YOU OTHER PEOPLE SPEAKING HERE ARE  
10 SUCKING OFF THE CLOCK.

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12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, DO WE HAVE OTHER  
13 SPEAKERS ON THIS ITEM?

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15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** NO OTHER SPEAKERS, MADAM CHAIR.

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17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, COLLEAGUES?

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19 **ATTORNEY:** SIR, YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED, PLEASE LEAVE THE DIAS.  
20 THANK YOU.

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22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SERGEANT OF ARMS, MAKE SURE WE  
23 ESCORT MR. BUZZETTI. OKAY, COLLEAGUES, LET US GROW OLD  
24 TOGETHER. WE HAVE ITEM 5 AS AMENDED IS BEFORE US RIGHT NOW.  
25 IT'S MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER

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1 TO APPROVE THIS ITEM AS AMENDED. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO  
2 A UNANIMOUS VOTE, SEEING NONE, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. AND NOW  
3 ITEM 11 IS BEFORE US AS AMENDED. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS.  
4 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. TO APPROVE THIS ITEM, IF  
5 THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, SEEING NONE, THAT  
6 WILL BE THE ORDER. AND NOW, COLLEAGUES, WE ARE ON ITEM S-1, A  
7 REPORT ON SAFETY CONCERNS AT COUNTY JUVENILE HALLS AND  
8 PROBATION CAMPS. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, WOULD YOU LIKE TO  
9 MAKE SOME OPENING REMARKS BEFORE THE PRESENTATION BEGINS?

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE  
12 THESE REMARKS.

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14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, IF YOU ARE EXITING  
15 THE AUDITORIUM, JUST REALIZE WE ARE STILL CONDUCTING OUR  
16 MEETING. SO TRY TO LEAVE THE AUDITORIUM AS QUIETLY AS  
17 POSSIBLE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. OKAY. RECLAIMING YOUR TIME,  
18 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, THANK YOU FOR  
21 THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE BEFORE US. AND WE THANK  
22 YOU, MADAM CHAIR, FOR YOUR CO-AUTHORSHIP OF THE MOTION THAT  
23 BROUGHT US TO THIS POINT IN TERMS OF LOOKING AT A VERY SERIOUS  
24 MATTER PERTAINING TO PUBLIC SAFETY IN THE COUNTY OF LOS  
25 ANGELES AND THOSE WHO ARE IN OUR CARE AND CUSTODY. I'D LIKE TO

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1    THANK THE INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE AND THE TEAM THAT HAS  
2    WORKED COLLABORATIVELY WITH THE VARIOUS STAKEHOLDERS WHICH  
3    WOULD INCLUDE THE DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, AS WELL AS THE  
4    PUBLIC DEFENDER, THE ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER, AS WELL AS  
5    COUNTY COUNSEL. THE ISSUE OF PROBATION REFORM, MADAM CHAIR AND  
6    COLLEAGUES, HAS BEEN A CRITICAL MATTER SINCE I FIRST JOINED  
7    THIS BOARD A DECADE AGO. HERE WE ARE TODAY IN PART BECAUSE OF  
8    A RECENT AND RATHER TROUBLING INCREASE IN THE USE OF PEPPER  
9    SPRAY THAT HAS BEEN REPORTED BY A NUMBER OF NEWS OUTLETS TO  
10   THE EXTENT THAT IT BECAME VIRTUALLY INESCAPABLE FOR US TO ACT.  
11   AS THIS INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR  
12   GENERAL REVEALS THE NEED FOR REFORM, INVESTIGATION AND  
13   OVERSIGHT MAY NEVER HAVE BEEN AS VITAL AS IT IS NOW. AND WITH  
14   THAT, I THINK WE OUGHT TO HEAR FROM OUR RESPECTIVE PRESENTERS.  
15   AND AFTER HAVING DONE SO, MADAM CHAIR, I WOULD APPEAL TO YOU  
16   TO AFFORD ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO COME BACK WITH A COUPLE OF  
17   QUESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OUR COLLECTIVE CONSIDERATION  
18   AND DISPOSITION. AND SO THE SPEAKERS ARE HERE, AND, MADAM  
19   CHAIR, I ASSUME YOU HAVE THEM AS THEY ARE ORDERED WITH THE  
20   REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE AND THE  
21   RESPONDENTS WHO ARE A PANEL OF SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS FOR THE  
22   RESPECTIVE COLLABORATING ENTITIES. WITH THAT, MADAM CHAIR, I  
23   YIELD TO YOU.

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1   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. AND I  
2   ALSO WILL WITHHOLD MY REMARKS UNTIL AFTER WE'VE HEARD FROM OUR  
3   INVITED SPEAKERS. I THINK MY COLLEAGUES ARE FEELING THE SAME  
4   WAY. LET'S GO AHEAD AND HEAR FROM THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN INVITED  
5   TO SPEAK ABOUT THIS PRESENTATION.

6

7   **DAN BAKER:** THANK YOU GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I'M SORRY MR.  
8   HUNTS IS NOT AVAILABLE TO BE HERE THIS MORNING. I KNOW YOUR  
9   TIME IS VALUABLE TO YOU. I'M DAN BAKER, CHIEF DEPUTY OF THE  
10   INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE. I BROUGHT WITH ME THE TEAM WHO PUT  
11   TOGETHER THIS REPORT, WHO WORKED OVER THE HOLIDAYS TIRELESSLY  
12   TO DO IT, MS. BELTZ, WHO WILL BE GIVING THE PRESENTATION, MR.  
13   PEREZ, WHO LED ONE OF THE TEAMS THAT INTERVIEWED THE FOLKS IN  
14   PROBATION, AND MS. ZAMACONA AND MR. HARMANGIAN, OVER THERE  
15   AGAINST THE WALL WHO DID ALL OF THE RESEARCH. AND I WILL TURN  
16   IT OVER TO MISS BELTZ FOR THE PRESENTATION AT THIS TIME.

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18   **CATHLEEN BELTZ:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, CATHLEEN BELTS,  
19   ASSISTANT INSPECTOR GENERAL. MADAM CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS,  
20   THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE WITH YOU OUR REPORT  
21   TODAY. ON DECEMBER 18TH, 2018, HAVING BEEN MADE AWARE OF  
22   SEVERAL TROUBLING USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS IDENTIFIED BY THE  
23   L.A. COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND OF USE OF FORCE HAVING  
24   INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN RECENT YEARS, THIS BOARD DIRECTED  
25   THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL TO INVESTIGATE YOUTH AND STAFF

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1 CONCERNS IN PROBATION DEPARTMENT HALLS AND CAMPS WITH AN  
2 EMPHASIS ON USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS INVOLVING O.C. SPRAY AND TO  
3 REPORT BACK WITH FINDINGS AND RELATED RECOMMENDATIONS. IN  
4 PREPARATION FOR THIS REPORT, THE O.I.G. REVIEWED DEPARTMENT  
5 POLICIES, TRAINING MATERIALS, AND INFORMATION RELATED TO 21  
6 USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS THAT A DEPARTMENT INTERNAL AUDIT  
7 REVEALED AS PROBLEMATIC. O.I.G. STAFF VISITED EVERY JUVENILE  
8 FACILITY WHERE THE USE OF O.C. SPRAY IS AUTHORIZED AND SPOKE  
9 WITH MORE THAN 40 YOUTH AND 30 STAFF, DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVES,  
10 THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER, FACILITY MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS,  
11 LINE STAFF AND MANAGERS, AND UNION REPRESENTATIVES. IN ORDER  
12 TO ENSURE THAT YOUTH RIGHTS WERE SAFEGUARDED, REPRESENTATIVES  
13 OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER, AND COUNTY  
14 BAR ASSOCIATION'S INDEPENDENT JUVENILE DEFENDER PROGRAM WERE  
15 PRESENT DURING O.I.G. CONVERSATIONS WITH YOUTH. IT IS  
16 IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THE O.I.G. DID NOT CONDUCT AN  
17 INDEPENDENT AUDIT OF A REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE OF ALL REPORTED  
18 USES OF FORCE FOR A GIVEN TIME PERIOD, NOR DID THE O.I.G.  
19 REVIEW THE O.C. CASES THAT THE DEPARTMENT AUDIT REVEALED WERE  
20 WITHIN POLICY. THIS IS, INSTEAD, A QUALITATIVE REVIEW BASED ON  
21 21 PROBLEMATIC USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS, CONVERSATIONS WITH  
22 YOUTH AND STAFF, AND DOCUMENTATION AND C.C.T.V. VIDEO REVIEW.  
23 WE'D LIKE TO THANK THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT, CHIEF MCDONALD  
24 AND HER STAFF. THEY WERE THROUGHOUT OPEN AND TRANSPARENT,  
25 ACCOMMODATING AND AVAILABLE. WE THINK IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT TO

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1 NOTE THAT THE DEPARTMENT ITSELF AND DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVES  
2 IDENTIFIED MANY OF THE ISSUES THAT ARE CONTAINED IN THIS  
3 REPORT AT THE OUTSET, THAT THEIR INPUT WAS -- INFORMED THE  
4 RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE REPORT. AND ALSO THAT HAVING  
5 IDENTIFIED MANY OF THESE ISSUES, THE DEPARTMENT IS CURRENTLY  
6 IMPLEMENTING SUBSTANTIAL POLICY, TRAINING, AND OTHER CHANGES  
7 IN EFFORTS TO IMPROVE CONDITIONS. BY WAY OF BACKGROUND, THE  
8 DEPARTMENT EMPLOYS APPROXIMATELY 6,000 STAFF MEMBERS WHO WORK  
9 IN MORE THAN 80 FACILITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY INCLUDING THREE  
10 JUVENILE HALLS, SEVEN YOUTH CAMPS, AND A SECURED RESIDENTIAL  
11 MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY. THE DEPARTMENT INTERACTS WITH AN  
12 AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION OF MORE THAN 7700 YOUTH. AND IT IS  
13 THE LARGEST PROBATION DEPARTMENT IN THE COUNTRY. THROUGHOUT  
14 2018, APPROXIMATELY 900 OF THESE YOUTH WERE HOUSED IN ITS  
15 JUVENILE HALLS AND CAMPS ON ANY GIVEN DAY. THE DEPARTMENT  
16 CURRENTLY AUTHORIZES STAFF TO USE O.C. SPRAY IN ITS THREE  
17 JUVENILE HALLS AND TWO OF ITS 7 YOUTH CAMPS. IN TERMS OF HOW  
18 WE, IN CALIFORNIA, COMPARE TO OTHER STATES, 35 STATES HAVE  
19 BANNED THE USE OF O.C. SPRAY IN JUVENILE FACILITIES. AND  
20 CALIFORNIA IS ONE OF SIX STATES IN ADDITION TO ILLINOIS,  
21 TEXAS, SOUTH CAROLINA, INDIANA, AND MINNESOTA THAT ALLOWS  
22 STAFF IN JUVENILE FACILITIES TO HOLSTER OR CARRY O.C.  
23 CANISTERS. WITHIN CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO, SANTA CRUZ, NAPA,  
24 SAN MATEO, MARIN, AND SANTA CLARA COUNTIES DO NOT ALLOW THE  
25 USE OF O.C. SPRAY IN THEIR JUVENILE FACILITIES. IN MARCH OF



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1 2018, THE DEPARTMENT REPORTED AN APPROXIMATE 2 TO 300 PERCENT  
2 INCREASE USE OF O.C. SPRAY IN ITS JUVENILE HALLS FROM 2015 TO  
3 2017, AND FROM 2016 TO 2017, A 66 PERCENT INCREASE IN YOUTH ON  
4 YOUTH ASSAULTS, AND A 58 PERCENT IN YOUTH ON STAFF ASSAULTS.  
5 THE DEPARTMENT HAS GATHERED ADDITIONAL DATA WHICH I BELIEVE  
6 THEY MAY BE SHARING WITH US TODAY. WE HAVE ALSO RECOMMENDED,  
7 AND THE DEPARTMENT HAS AGREED, TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO REGULARLY  
8 PUBLISH USE OF FORCE AND VIOLENCE DATA AND INFORMATION ON THE  
9 DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE. THE O.I.G.'S REVIEW CONFIRMS REPORTS BY  
10 DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVES, STAFF, AND YOUTH THAT SOME STAFF HAVE  
11 ENGAGED IN INAPPROPRIATE AND AVOIDABLE USES OF O.C. SPRAY AND  
12 HAVE FAILED TO PROPERLY DECONTAMINATE YOUTH WHO HAVE BEEN  
13 EXPOSED TO O.C. IN INSTANCES WHERE EGREGIOUS ACTS ARE  
14 SUSPECTED, THE DEPARTMENT REPORTS THAT IT HAS REMOVED STAFF  
15 FROM DIRECT YOUTH CONTACT AND THAT IT WILL BE TAKING  
16 DISCIPLINARY ACTION AS APPROPRIATE. THE FOLLOWING INCLUDES  
17 EXAMPLES OF THE TYPES OF ISSUES WITH O.C. USE RAISED BY YOUTH  
18 AND STAFF AND WHICH ARE REVEALED IN DOCUMENTATION AND C.C.T.V.  
19 FOOTAGE REVIEWED BY THE O.I.G. IN SOME CASES, STAFF APPEAR TO  
20 HAVE ENGAGED IN OVER-RELIANCE ON O.C. SPRAY AND, AT TIMES,  
21 HAVE DEPLOYED O.C. WHERE THERE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE ACTUAL OR  
22 POTENTIAL THREAT OF HARM BY YOUTH. SOME STAFF APPEAR TO HAVE  
23 ENGAGED IN THE PRACTICE OF SHAKING CANISTERS IN FRONT OF YOUTH  
24 IN AN EFFORT TO GAIN COMPLIANCE AT TIMES WITHOUT FIRST  
25 ATTEMPTING VERBAL ENGAGEMENT. IN SOME INCIDENTS, YOUTH WITH

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1 IDENTIFIED MEDICAL CONDITIONS OR YOUTH TAKING PSYCHOTROPIC  
2 MEDICATIONS WERE SUBJECT TO O.C. SPRAY. SOME YOUTH REPORT THAT  
3 O.C. WARNINGS ARE AT TIMES INADEQUATE OR UNCLEAR AND LIMIT  
4 YOUTH'S OPPORTUNITIES TO COMPLY. OTHERS STATED THAT SOME STAFF  
5 MAY ENTER A UNIT AT THE BEGINNING OF A SHIFT, AND THEY MAY  
6 ISSUE SOME BLANKET OR PREEMPTIVE WARNING TO AN ENTIRE HOUSING  
7 UNIT. THIS YOUTH HAVE REPORTED ANXIETY INDUCING AND PREVENTS  
8 THEM BEING ABLE TO PREDICT WHICH SPECIFIC BEHAVIOR MAY RESULT  
9 IN O.C. SPRAY. WE RECEIVED REPORTS OF AND REVIEWED INCIDENTS  
10 OF INADVERTENT OR SECONDARY EXPOSURE. SOME YOUTH REPORT HAVING  
11 BEEN TOLD THAT O.C. DEPLOYMENTS WERE ACCIDENTAL. THERE APPEAR  
12 TO BE CONSISTENTLY PROBLEMATIC DECONTAMINATION PRACTICES. MOST  
13 COMMON COMPLAINTS INVOLVED YOUTH BEING DECONTAMINATED HOT  
14 WATER IN SHOWERS WHERE STAFF HAVE LIMITED TEMPERATURE CONTROL.  
15 YOUTH ALSO REPORT BEING GIVEN WET TOWELS. THIS WOULD ALL BE  
16 INAPPROPRIATE DECONTAMINATION PRACTICES. INCIDENTS WE REVIEWED  
17 REVEAL FAILURES TO TIMELY AND EFFECTIVELY DECONTAMINATE YOUTH  
18 AFTER O.C. SPRAY EXPOSURE. IN SOME INCIDENTS, STAFF APPEAR TO  
19 HAVE PLACED RECENTLY SPRAYED AND UNDECONTAMINATED YOUTH IN  
20 THEIR ROOMS WHERE THESE YOUTH CAN THEN BE SEEN STRUGGLING FOR  
21 EXTENDED PERIODS. IN SOME INSTANCES, YOUTH WERE EXPOSED TO  
22 O.C. SPRAY AND PLACED IN ROOMS WITH TOILET AND SINK UNITS. THE  
23 SINK WATER WAS EITHER NOT FUNCTIONING OR WAS PERHAPS TURNED  
24 OFF. AND YOUTH CAN BE SEEN ON VIDEO ATTEMPTING TO SELF-  
25 DECONTAMINATE WITH WATER FROM THE TOILET. IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT

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1 TO NOTE THE STAFFING CONCERNS THAT WERE RAISED THROUGH THE  
2 REVIEW PROCESS. SO IN TERMS OF THOSE CONCERNS, THE MAJORITY OF  
3 STAFF WE SPOKE WITH EXPRESSED A SINCERE PASSION FOR THEIR WORK  
4 AND A DETERMINATION TO POSITIVELY AFFECT THE LIVES OF THE  
5 YOUTH IN THEIR CARE. THEY ALSO EXPRESSED SUFFERING FROM LOW  
6 MORALE. THEY SHARED CHALLENGES. THEY SHARED FRUSTRATIONS.  
7 SPECIFICALLY, THEY RELATED TO O.C., THEY EXPRESSED FEAR FOR  
8 THEIR SAFETY AND FEELING OUTNUMBERED AND OVERPOWERED BY YOUTH.  
9 SOME CITED INCONSISTENT AND INADEQUATE STAFFING OF BOTH LINE  
10 PERSONNEL AND INADEQUATE PRESENCE AND AVAILABILITY OF  
11 MANAGERS. SOME EXPRESSED FRUSTRATION WITH SOMETIMES HAVING TO  
12 PERFORM THEIR DUTIES WITHOUT SUPERVISION AND A DESIRE FOR A  
13 GREATER LINE SUPERVISOR PRESENCE. LINE SUPERVISORS ARE THOSE  
14 WHO CAN PRESUMABLY AID IN DEESCALATION EFFORTS, AND THEN THEY  
15 ARE ALSO PRESENT TO DIRECT FORCE AS NECESSARY. STAFF REPORTED  
16 LACKING FAITH IN THE DEPARTMENT'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS  
17 INVESTIGATIVE PROCESSES, AND SOME BELIEVED THAT OVERRELIANCE  
18 ON O.C. USE IS A COMBINATION OF A FEAR OF PHYSICAL INJURY AND  
19 ALSO WHAT APPEARS TO BE A SOMEWHAT COMMON BELIEF THAT O.C.  
20 DEPLOYMENTS INVITE LESS SCRUTINY THAN PHYSICAL FORCE. SOME  
21 STAFF REPORTED A LACK OF TRAINING IN DEESCALATION AND PHYSICAL  
22 INTERVENTION TECHNIQUES. AND SOME CITED A SENSE OF CRISIS  
23 FOLLOWING THE ELIMINATION OF SPECIALIZED HOUSING UNITS, THAT  
24 NOT BEING ABLE TO UTILIZE SOLITARY OR EXTENDED ROOM  
25 CONFINEMENT AS BEING LIMITING THEIR ABILITY TO ADDRESS

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1 BEHAVIOR ISSUES. ANOTHER ISSUE THAT CAME UP AND WHEN SPEAKING  
2 WITH DEPARTMENT STAFF AND STAFF GENERALLY, AND THEN ALSO, TO  
3 SOME EXTENT, WITH YOUTH, AND THAT WE BELIEVE WARRANTS  
4 ADDITIONAL REVIEW AND ATTENTION IS WHAT APPEARS TO BE AN  
5 INADEQUATE LEVEL OF MENTAL HEALTH STAFFING RESOURCES.  
6 DEPARTMENT STAFF GENERALLY REPORTED BEING UNPREPARED OR UNDER-  
7 PREPARED TO DEAL WITH YOUTH EXPERIENCING BEHAVIOR AND MENTAL  
8 HEALTH ISSUES AND CRISES. BOTH DEPARTMENT AND MENTAL HEALTH  
9 STAFF REPORTED THAT FACILITIES LACK ADEQUATE MENTAL HEALTH  
10 RESOURCES. DEPARTMENT STAFF REPORTED THAT MENTAL HEALTH  
11 STAFFING DEFICIENCIES IMPEDE DEESCALATION EFFORTS AND THAT  
12 DEFICIENCIES ARE MOST PROBLEMATIC ON EVENINGS, WEEKENDS, AND  
13 AFTER HOURS. SIMILARLY, MENTAL HEALTH STAFF REPORTED THEIR OWN  
14 INADEQUATE STAFFING LEVELS OF OTHER MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS,  
15 AND THEY ALSO INDICATED THAT AT TIMES THEY WERE RELUCTANT TO  
16 PLACE YOUTH ON ONE-ON-ONE OBSERVATION BECAUSE THIS DIRECT LINE  
17 OF SIGHT SUPERVISION PROCESS IS DRAINING OR STRAINING ON  
18 DEPARTMENT STAFFING RESOURCES. IN TERMS OF LARGER  
19 INSTITUTIONAL CULTURAL ISSUES, AS IS OFTEN THE CASE IN SYSTEMS  
20 THAT ARE STRUGGLING, INCREASED INSTITUTIONAL VIOLENCE AND USE  
21 OF FORCE ARE OFTEN SYMPTOMS OF DEEPER CULTURAL ISSUES, AS IS  
22 THE CASE HERE. WE WANT TO HIGHLIGHT THAT SEVERAL STAFF  
23 REPORTED NEVER HAVING TO RELY ON PHYSICAL FORCE, NEVER HAVING  
24 TO RELY ON ANY SORT OF PHYSICAL INTERVENTION WHATSOEVER OR ON  
25 O.C. SPRAY WHEN DEALING WITH YOUTH. THEY ALSO REPORT HAVING

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1 HAD TREMENDOUS SUCCESS IN VERBAL ENGAGEMENT WITH YOUTH.  
2 SIMILARLY, YOUTH PRAISED CERTAIN STAFF WHO, IN THEIR  
3 PERSPECTIVE, ARE RESPECTFUL, WILLING TO GET TO KNOW YOU. THEY  
4 DESCRIBED STAFF MEMBERS WHO GO TO GREAT LENGTHS TO BUILD A  
5 RAPPORT WITH THEM AND WHO AVOID USING O.C. SPRAY AND OTHER  
6 FORCE IN INTERACTING WITH THEM. HOWEVER, SEVERAL YOUTH ALSO  
7 RELATED EXAMPLES OF GENERALLY POOR TREATMENT AND HAVING  
8 NEGATIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH STAFF. THEY REPORTED HEARING  
9 PROFANITY AT TIMES, RECEIVING TAUNTS FROM STAFF, AND AT TIMES  
10 THREATS, AS WELL. THEY REPORTED INCIDENTS WHICH IF TRUE RAISE  
11 SOME CONCERNS ABOUT RETALIATION, COLLECTIVE PUNISHMENT, DENIAL  
12 OF ACCESS TO PROGRAMS, AND SOME OTHER ISSUES. SOME OF THE  
13 SAFETY CONCERNS, CULTURE ISSUES, AND PROBLEMATIC USES OF FORCE  
14 DESCRIBED ABOVE ARE LIKELY EXACERBATED BY ISSUES OF USE OF  
15 FORCE POLICIES, TRAINING, REPORTING, AND ACCOUNTABILITY  
16 PRACTICES. SO WE DID MAKE SPECIFIC POLICY, PRACTICE, TRAINING,  
17 AND ACCOUNTABILITY RELATED RECOMMENDATIONS, EVALUATION OF  
18 MENTAL HEALTH STAFFING, INCREASING CAMERAS IN FACILITIES,  
19 AVAILABLE TO REVIEW OF VIDEO, AVAILABILITY AND CAPACITY FOR  
20 REVIEWING VIDEO. OF INCIDENTS. AND ALL OF THESE ARE MORE  
21 SPECIFICALLY DETAILED IN THE REPORT. BUT WE ALSO, AS A MORE  
22 GENERAL MATTER, THINK THAT THE COUNTY SHOULD EXPLORE THE  
23 FEASIBILITY WITH SIGNIFICANT INPUT FROM ALL STAKEHOLDERS OF  
24 RESTRICTING OR ELIMINATING THE USE OF O.C. SPRAY IN COUNTY  
25 JUVENILE FACILITIES. SPECIFICALLY, THE COUNTY SHOULD EVALUATE

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1 WHETHER THE USE OF O.C. SPRAY IN DEPARTMENT FACILITIES ALIGNS  
2 WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S PHILOSOPHICAL SHIFT TOWARD  
3 REHABILITATION AND TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE. DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL  
4 AND LEADERSHIP EXPRESS AN AWARENESS THAT O.C. SPRAY IS  
5 PHYSICALLY AND EMOTIONALLY HARMFUL TO YOUTH AND OF ITS  
6 NEGATIVE IMPLICATIONS FOR STAFF/YOUTH RELATIONSHIPS AND LARGER  
7 DEPARTMENT CULTURE. MOST ALSO EXPRESS, HOWEVER, A FIRM BELIEF  
8 THAT IT IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY TO THEIR PERSONAL SAFETY. ANY  
9 PLAN TO RESTRICT OR ELIMINATE O.C. SPRAY SHOULD PRIORITIZE  
10 INSTITUTIONAL SAFETY WITH METICULOUS ATTENTION TO YOUTH AND  
11 STAFF PERCEPTIONS ABOUT THEIR PERSONAL SAFETY. AND IT SHOULD  
12 ALSO INVOLVE DEDICATION OF ALL NECESSARY RESOURCES. ANY  
13 CHANGES TO THE USE OF O.C. SPRAY IN HALLS AND CAMPS SHOULD  
14 ABSOLUTELY BE INCREMENTAL. AND IT SHOULD BALANCE TRAINING AND  
15 PROGRAMMATIC NEEDS. IT SHOULD INVOLVE LOTS OF FEEDBACK FROM  
16 STAKEHOLDERS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS, YOUTH, FORMERLY INCARCERATED,  
17 FAMILIES, ETC. SO WITH THAT, WE'RE HAPPY TO PROVIDE ANY  
18 ADDITIONAL DETAILS WITH RESPECT TO SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS OR  
19 TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU MAY HAVE.

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21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. BACK TO YOU, SUPERVISOR  
22 RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I JUST  
25 HAVE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS THAT I WISH TO POSE TO THE O.I.G.

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1 AND THEN, MADAM CHAIR, WITH YOUR PERMISSION, WOULD LIKE TO ASK  
2 THE PUBLIC DEFENDER TO WEIGH IN AND, FINALLY, THE CHIEF  
3 PROBATION OFFICER. I HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS THAT WE TRUST THAT  
4 THOSE THREE ENTITIES WOULD ADDRESS. THE FIRST OF WHICH IS THE  
5 UPDATED NATURE OF THE DATA THAT YOU WERE ABLE TO ACCESS AND  
6 WORK WITH IN YOUR INVESTIGATION AND ANALYSIS OF THE INCREASE  
7 IN THE USE OF PEPPER SPRAY. THE QUESTION IS TO WHETHER OR NOT  
8 THE DEPARTMENT, IN YOUR VIEW, HAS UPDATED NUMBERS ON PEPPER  
9 SPRAY USE AND THE USE OF FORCE AND WHEN YOU PLAN TO ACCESS  
10 THAT DATA FOR THE PURPOSES OF CAUSING THE BOARD TO BE MORE  
11 APPRISED OF WHAT IS CURRENT RATHER THAN THAT WHICH HAS  
12 TRANSPIRED IN THE PAST.

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14 **CATHLEEN BELTZ:** WE'RE CERTAINLY ACCESS AND AT ANY TIME REPORT  
15 BACK TO THE BOARD WITH ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WE HAVE  
16 ABOUT DATA. OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS  
17 GATHERED ADDITIONAL DATA, AND THAT IT IS WORKING TO VALIDATE  
18 THAT DATA AND IS PREPARED POTENTIALLY TO PRESENT SOME OF IT  
19 TODAY. AND IT'S ALSO DEVELOPING A PLAN TO ONGOING REPORT THE  
20 DATA ON THE WEBSITE IN AN EFFORT TO INCREASE TRANSPARENCY. FOR  
21 PURPOSES OF THIS REPORT, WE WERE NOT ABLE TO, JUST  
22 METHODOLOGICALLY SPEAKING, IT'S IMPORTANT TO BE ABLE VALIDATE  
23 THE DATA THAT WE INCLUDE IN OUR REPORT. BUT AS I SAID, WE  
24 WOULD BE HAPPY TO GO BACK, REVIEW DATA, DO SOME VALIDATING  
25 REPORT TO THE BOARD.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I THINK VALIDATION IS FUNDAMENTALLY  
3 IMPORTANT AS IT RELATES TO THE CREDIBILITY OF YOUR  
4 INVESTIGATION IN COLLABORATION WITH THE STAKEHOLDERS THAT HAVE  
5 HELPED YOU TO PRODUCE IT, NAMELY, COUNTY COUNSEL, PUBLIC  
6 DEFENDER, AS WELL AS THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT ITSELF. AND SO I  
7 WOULD OFFER THAT AS A REQUEST FOR FOLLOW-UP. YOU MADE SEVERAL  
8 RECOMMENDATIONS. 18 IN TOTAL IS WHAT WE CAN ASSESS HERE. TOP  
9 2, TOP 3 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT YOU THINK WE NEED TO ZERO IN ON  
10 WITH IMMEDIACY?

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12 **CATHLEEN BELTZ:** ALL OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS -- SO THE FIRST  
13 RECOMMENDATION WHICH WAS PRESENTED, THE COUNTY HAVING A  
14 CONVERSATION ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT IT SHOULD ELIMINATE OR  
15 DRAMATICALLY RESTRICT THE USE OF O.C. SPRAY IN FACILITIES IS  
16 CHIEF AMONG OUR RECOMMENDATIONS. THE REMAINING  
17 RECOMMENDATIONS, THOUGH, WE HOPE CAN ADD SOME VALUE TOO, BUT  
18 THEY'RE BASED ON AN ASSUMPTION THAT CURRENT POLICIES ARE GOING  
19 TO STAND, AND REVISED POLICIES ARE GOING TO INVOLVE THE USE OF  
20 O.C. SPRAY IN THE FUTURE. SO OF THE REMAINING RECOMMENDATIONS,  
21 A REALLY THOROUGH COMPREHENSIVE AND ROBUST FORCE REVIEW  
22 PROCESS WILL PROVIDE SOME REALLY IMPORTANT ACCOUNTABILITY  
23 WHENEVER FORCE IS USED. AND IT WILL ALSO BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO  
24 PROVIDE STAFF WITH MORE SUPPORT AND FEEDBACK REGARDING USE OF  
25 FORCE. AND IT ACTUALLY IS A WAY OF OFFERING INCENTIVES TO

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1 PERSONNEL WHO USE FORCE PROPERLY OR WHO DEESCALATE ADEQUATELY  
2 OR PREVENT FORCE ALTOGETHER. ALSO THE RECOMMENDATION ABOUT  
3 MENTAL HEALTH, EVALUATING MENTAL HEALTH STAFFING, IS REALLY  
4 IMPORTANT. WE RECEIVED REPORTS WHICH WE AGAIN WOULD NEED TO  
5 REVIEW FURTHER AND ENSURE THAT THE INFORMATION THAT WE  
6 RECEIVED IS ACCURATE BUT THAT AT TIMES MENTAL HEALTH STAFF ARE  
7 AVAILABLE ON SORT OF A SKELETON CREW BASIS OR ON AN ON-CALL  
8 BASIS, AFTER 5 P.M. EVENINGS, WEEKENDS, HOLIDAYS ARE TIMES  
9 WHEN YOUTH MIGHT HAVE THE MOST SERIOUS MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS.  
10 AND THAT'S WHEN STAFFING NEEDS TO -- IT'S A 24-HOUR OPERATION.  
11 AND SO WE WOULD REALLY LIKE TO GET SOME MORE INFORMATION FROM  
12 THE MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS THEMSELVES ABOUT WHAT THEIR  
13 SPECIFIC PERCEPTIONS ARE IN TERMS OF NEEDS.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. I JUST WANT TO NOTE  
16 OVER THE YEARS, PREDATING THE CURRENT LEADERSHIP IN PROBATION,  
17 BUT CERTAINLY INCLUDING THAT AS WELL, WE'VE FLAGGED THIS ISSUE  
18 OF MENTAL HEALTH AND THE EXTENT TO WHICH IT NEEDS TO BE  
19 EXPANDED AND DEEPENED IN THE CONTEXT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
20 PROBATION. IT'S NOT A NEW ISSUE. IT SEEMS TO ME, COLLEAGUES,  
21 IT'S HIGH TIME THAT WE COME TO GRIPS WITH IT. NO MORE EXCUSES.  
22 WE KNOW THAT MENTAL HEALTH IS AN ISSUE FOR THESE YOUNGSTERS.  
23 WE KNOW THAT THE HEALTH OF THE DEPARTMENT, THE CARE AND  
24 CUSTODY OF THESE JUVENILES, IS AT STAKE. NOT A NEW ISSUE  
25 THAT'S BEING FLAGGED. MAY I, WITH YOUR PERMISSION, MADAM

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1 CHAIR, MOVE TO THE PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS?  
2 PERHAPS, MR. GARCIA, YOU CAN HELP US IN TERMS OF YOUR  
3 LEARNINGS FROM THIS EFFORT IN TERMS OF THE IMPACTS ON YOUR  
4 CLIENTS AND IF YOU HAVE ANY PARTICULAR THOUGHTS OR  
5 RECOMMENDATIONS YOU'D LIKE FOR US TO CONSIDER AT THIS POINT.

6

7 **MR. GARCIA, PUBLIC DEFENDER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, AND THANK  
8 ALL OF YOU FOR ALLOWING ME THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO YOU  
9 AND ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE ON THIS VERY IMPORTANT  
10 ISSUE. I THINK TO UNDERSTAND HOW I APPROACH THIS ISSUE, PLACE  
11 YOURSELF IN MY SHOES. MY RESPONSIBILITY HERE IS TO MY CLIENTS  
12 FIRST AND FOREMOST. YOU'VE HEARD ME SAY THIS IN THE PAST. I  
13 THINK I WILL START EVERY CONVERSATION THAT WAY BECAUSE THESE  
14 ARE THE INDIVIDUALS, WHETHER THEY'RE ADULTS OR CHILDREN, THAT  
15 I HOLD. AND I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR. AND SO WHEN I THINK ABOUT  
16 THIS, I THINK ABOUT THE FACT THAT WE'RE SPEAKING ABOUT MY  
17 CLIENTS WHO ARE CHILDREN. WE'VE USED THE WORD YOUTH OVER AND  
18 OVER AGAIN TO DESCRIBE THEM. AND I THINK THAT'S A FAIR WORD.  
19 OBVIOUSLY, IT'S ACCURATE IN THE DICTIONARY. BUT WE ARE TALKING  
20 ABOUT CHILDREN. WHEN I THINK ABOUT THE LEVEL OF CARE WE OWE  
21 THEM, I THINK IT'S A STANDARD IN MY OPINION, AS A PUBLIC  
22 DEFENDER, AND AS THEIR REPRESENTATIVE, THAT SHOULD BE HIGHER.  
23 AND WHEN I REVIEWED THE REPORT, I NOTICE THAT THE MAJORITY OF  
24 THE RECOMMENDATIONS, AS WAS STATED BY O.I.G., ARE BASED ON ONE  
25 PREMISE. AND THAT PREMISE IS THAT WE CONTINUE TO USE PEPPER

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1 SPRAY AS A METHOD TO CONTROL, PARTICULARLY AT TIMES VOLATILE  
2 ENVIRONMENTS, IN THE JUVENILE HALL FACILITIES. I BREAK THAT  
3 DOWN AS A LAWYER INTO TWO PARTS. ONE, THE MAJORITY OF THESE  
4 CHILDREN ARE NOT BEING HELD POST ADJUDICATION. THIS IS PRE-  
5 ADJUDICATION. SO THESE ARE CHILDREN, FOR ALL INTENTS AND  
6 PURPOSES, WHO ARE STILL PRESUMED INNOCENT. THESE ARE NOT  
7 INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN CHARGED, WHO HAVE BEEN CONVICTED OF  
8 A CRIME YET, OR IN JUVENILE SITUATION, WHO HAVE BEEN HELD TO  
9 ANSWER FOR THEIR -- AND SENT TO CAMP. GRANTED, SOME OF THEM  
10 ARE. AND I UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT I DON'T THINK THAT CHANGES OUR  
11 EQUATION. THE SECOND THING THAT I CONSIDER IS HOW IS THE  
12 PEPPER SPRAY BEING USED. AND FROM THE INFORMATION I RECEIVED  
13 FROM O.I.G. AS WELL AS MY STAFF, IT'S BEING USED IN AN  
14 INAPPROPRIATE MANNER. IT'S BEING USED EXCESSIVELY. IT'S BEING  
15 USED OUT OF POLICY AND OUT OF COMPLIANCE WITH POLICY. AND SO  
16 IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS THAT IS AN ABUSE OF THESE CHILDREN. WE  
17 HAVE RULES AND REGULATIONS ON HOW WE IMPLEMENT THAT. WE CAN  
18 CHOOSE TO USE CORPORAL PUNISHMENT AS A WAY TO DISCIPLINE  
19 CHILDREN. OR WE CAN CHOOSE NOT TO. AND I THINK IN OUR SOCIETY,  
20 WE'VE MOVED AWAY FROM THAT. I GREW UP IN A VERY TRADITIONAL  
21 LATINO FAMILY WHERE CORPORAL PUNISHMENT WAS AN EVERYDAY EVENT.  
22 I USE THAT AS AN EXAMPLE BECAUSE THAT IS THE CULTURE AND THE  
23 ENVIRONMENT THAT I KNEW GROWING UP. I MADE A DECISION, AS A  
24 FATHER, AS A HUSBAND, THAT I WOULD NOT USE THAT DISCIPLINE  
25 TOWARDS MY CHILDREN AND THAT I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT TYPE OF

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1 DISCIPLINE IS APPROPRIATE TOWARDS CHILDREN. I'M NOT HERE TO  
2 TELL PEOPLE HOW TO PARENT. SO ALL THAT GOES INTO MY THINKING,  
3 MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE AS WELL AS MY ROLE AS A PUBLIC, AS THE  
4 PUBLIC DEFENDER. I BELIEVE THE ONLY SOLUTION IN THIS SITUATION  
5 IS TO BAN THE USE OF PEPPER SPRAY IN OUR FACILITIES. I DON'T  
6 SEE AN ALTERNATIVE. THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME, AS WE'VE ALL  
7 KNOWN, THAT THIS HAS BEEN PRESENT. THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME  
8 THAT A BOARD HAS HEARD THIS BEING A VERY REAL ISSUE. AND IT IS  
9 AN ISSUE THAT THE PROBATION LEADERSHIP WAS AWARE OF AND HAS  
10 BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION AND SOME DEGREE MAY FEEL THAT THEIR  
11 HANDS ARE RESTRICTED IN THEIR ABILITY TO RESOLVE IT  
12 IMMEDIATELY. BUT WE KEEP TALKING ABOUT HOW DO WE FIX IT IN THE  
13 SENSE OF HOW DO WE TRAIN. HOW DO WE FIX IT AND MAKE IT BETTER?  
14 I DON'T THINK WE CAN. WHAT WAS TELLING IN THE REPORT IS THAT  
15 THERE ARE CERTAIN PROBATION OFFICERS THAT RESOLVE THE PROBLEMS  
16 BY BUILDING RAPPORT. AND THE CHILDREN THAT THOSE PROBATION  
17 OFFICERS SPOKE ABOUT IN RETURN FELT RESPECTED. LOOK AT THOSE  
18 WORDS, RAPPORT AND RESPECT. WE ALL WANT THEM. AND WE KNOW THAT  
19 THOSE OFFICERS SAID, "WE NEVER TO USE PEPPER SPRAY. WE DON'T  
20 FEEL WE HAVE TO USE VIOLENCE". SO SOMETHING IN THE WAY THEY  
21 APPROACH THEIR JOB, IN THE WAY THEY LOOK AT THEIR  
22 RESPONSIBILITIES, IS DIFFERENT THAN SOME OF THEIR COLLEAGUES.  
23 AND THEY DON'T NEED TO BE TRAINED HOW TO USE PEPPER SPRAY MORE  
24 EFFECTIVELY. THEY DON'T NEED TO BE TRAINED ON HOW TO USE FORCE  
25 APPROPRIATELY AGAINST CHILDREN BECAUSE THEY KNOW IT'S NOT

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1 APPROPRIATE. AND SO WHEN THEY GO TO WORK EVERY SINGLE DAY,  
2 THEY USE OTHER METHODS TO DO THEIR WORK. AND THEY'RE  
3 SUCCESSFUL AT IT. AND SO GOING BACK I THINK TO THIS BOARD'S  
4 QUESTION, FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, WE NEED TO LOOK AT A WAY TO  
5 ELIMINATE ITS USE. NOW, I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU CAN'T WHOLESALE  
6 PULL IT OUT. THERE ARE CERTAIN EXPECTATIONS. THERE ARE CERTAIN  
7 SENSES OF SAFETY THAT I HEARD. AND I THINK THOSE ARE VALID. AT  
8 LEAST A PERSON'S PERCEPTION IS THEIR REALITY. SO TO THE EXTENT  
9 THAT THE OFFICER PERCEIVED THAT THEY ARE IN DANGER, THAT IS A  
10 REALITY THAT THEY LIVE IN. AND SO THEY MUST BE RESPECTED IN  
11 THAT. BUT TO START TALKING ABOUT BETTER TRAINING, ASSUMING  
12 WE'RE GOING KEEP IT IN THERE, WE'RE GOING TO BE BACK HERE, I'M  
13 CONFIDENT, THREE, FOUR YEARS FROM NOW UNDER THE SAME QUESTION,  
14 THE SAME CONCERNS, BECAUSE YOU CAN ALREADY LOOK AT PEOPLE NOT  
15 USING IT, NOT FEELING IT'S NECESSARY. AND OTHERS DO. IF WE  
16 FIND A LOGICAL, SAFE, AND PRACTICAL WAY TO INCREMENTALLY  
17 REMOVE IT, WE WILL JOIN PERHAPS OTHER MORE ENLIGHTENED  
18 DEPARTMENTS THAT DON'T USE IT. I THINK IT'S ALSO INTERESTING  
19 TO KNOW FROM THE INFORMATION I'VE GATHERED THAT OTHER COUNTIES  
20 THAT DO USE PEPPER SPRAY DON'T HAVE THE INCIDENCES THAT WE DO  
21 AND THE NUMBERS THAT WE DO. SOME OF OUR NEIGHBORS HAVE THREE  
22 OR FOUR A YEAR AS OPPOSED TO THE QUANTITY THAT WE HAVE. THAT  
23 IS MY POSITION ON THAT. AND I FEEL THAT ANYTHING LESS THAN  
24 THAT WOULD BE A DISSERVICE TO MY CLIENTS AND TO MY INCREDIBLE  
25 ATTORNEYS THAT WORK HARD EVERY DAY TRYING TO PROTECT THEIR

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1 RIGHTS. I WOULD BE BETRAYING THEIR TRUST AND MY CLIENTS' TRUST  
2 TO COME HERE AND ASK YOU TO DO ANYTHING LESS THAN THAT.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THE CHIEF  
5 PROBATION OFFICER, I POSE THE QUESTION IS THE DEPARTMENT IN  
6 COMPLIANCE TO THE EXTENT THAT IT NEEDS TO BE REGARDING THE USE  
7 OF FORCE AND THE USE OF PEPPER SPRAY AS AN ILLUSTRATION OF  
8 THAT? AND WHAT'S THE CURRENT STATE OF PLAY IN TERMS OF  
9 PREVENTING, REDUCING, AND/OR ELIMINATING THE VERY THINGS THAT  
10 HAVE COME TO OUR ATTENTION? AND WE TURN NOW TO CHIEF TERRI  
11 MCDONALD.

12

13 **TERRI MCDONALD, CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER:** THANK YOU SUPERVISOR,  
14 TERRI MCDONALD, CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER. THANK YOU,  
15 SUPERVISORS, FOR HIGHLIGHTING THIS VERY SERIOUS CHALLENGE  
16 WE'VE BEEN UP AGAINST. I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE INSPECTOR  
17 GENERAL'S OFFICE FOR THE TIME THAT THEY TOOK TO TRY TO REALLY  
18 UNDERSTAND WHAT WAS OCCURRING. AS A REMINDER, WE WERE  
19 NOTIFYING THE BOARD AND OTHERS ABOUT THIS GROWTH OF O.C.  
20 PEPPER SPRAY IN OUR FACILITIES, WHICH IS VERY TROUBLING TO US.  
21 WE WANT TO RUN FACILITIES IN WHICH WE DON'T HAVE VIOLENCE. WE  
22 WANT TO RUN FACILITIES IN WHICH WE'RE NOT USING PHYSICAL FORCE  
23 AGAINST KIDS OR PEPPER SPRAY OR ANY OTHER FACTOR. I ASKED FOR  
24 A FULL SCALE REVIEW OF EVERY VIDEO OVER THE LAST YEAR OF USE  
25 OF FORCE, PRIMARILY FOCUSED ON PEPPER SPRAY BECAUSE OF THIS



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1 VERY ISSUE. IN THAT REVIEW, I WILL SAY THAT THE VAST MAJORITY  
2 OF TIME STAFF FOLLOWED POLICY AS IT RELATED. NOW WE CAN DEBATE  
3 WHETHER OR NOT WE SHOULD HAVE O.C. OR NOT, BUT THE STAFF THAT  
4 HAD TO USE A PHYSICAL INTERVENTION DID SO WITHIN POLICY. THE  
5 PROBLEM WERE THE ONES IN WHICH THE ACTIONS WERE GROSSLY  
6 OUTSIDE OF POLICY OR EXPECTATIONS. AND THOSE DO NOT REPRESENT  
7 THE GREATNESS OF THIS DEPARTMENT OR THE YOUTH ADVOCATES THAT  
8 REPRESENT THE VAST MAJORITY OF OUR EMPLOYEES. THAT WAS NOT  
9 DRIVEN TO ME BY TRAINING. I THINK THAT WHAT I WITNESSED AND  
10 OBSERVED WAS DRIVEN MORE BY CULTURE, A CULTURE OF INDIFFERENCE  
11 OR A CULTURE WITH A VERY SMALL PERCENTAGE OF STAFF WHO CHOSE  
12 THE WRONG APPROACH AND AGAIN DIDN'T REPRESENT THE GREATNESS OF  
13 THIS DEPARTMENT. WE'VE BEEN FOCUSING HEAVILY ON THIS ISSUE  
14 AROUND FORCE SINCE OUR ARRIVAL. AS A REMINDER, WHEN WE FIRST  
15 GOT HERE, THE ISSUE WAS NOT ABOUT O.C. SPRAY, IT WAS ABOUT  
16 PHYSICAL INTERVENTIONS AT BARRY J. NIDORF. SO I'M AFRAID THAT  
17 SOME OF THE ACTIONS THAT THE STAFF TOOK IN RELYING ON O.C. WAS  
18 THEIR DESIRE NOT TO GET IN TROUBLE FOR A PHYSICAL ENGAGEMENT.  
19 AND SO I THINK THAT'S DRIVING PART OF JUST THE OVERALL  
20 NUMBERS. WE OWE IT TO OUR YOUTH, TO OUR STAFF, TO OUR  
21 FAMILIES, AND OUR COMMUNITIES TO DO BETTER. AND IF WE SAID  
22 TODAY WE WILL ELIMINATE O.C. SPRAY, THERE ARE STRUCTURAL  
23 PROBLEMS WITHIN PROBATION THAT THE O.I.G. HAS HIGHLIGHTED AND  
24 I'VE HIGHLIGHTED THAT WE MUST ADDRESS, TRAINING, SUPERVISION,  
25 PROGRAMS. THESE KIDS NEED LOTS OF PROGRAMS. MORE BEHAVIORAL

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1 HEALTH ACTIVITY, A BETTER JOB OF REVIEWING FORCE IMMEDIATELY  
2 AND ON THE BACK END AND ROBUSTLY. I VERY MUCH WELCOME  
3 INDEPENDENT MONITORING. I BELIEVE AFTER YEARS AND YEARS OF  
4 WORKING IN THESE SYSTEMS THAT SYSTEMS ARE HEALTHIER WHEN  
5 SOMEBODY EXTERNAL TO US IS TAKING A WALK THROUGH. AND SO I  
6 WOULDN'T WANT TO LEAVE TODAY WITHOUT SAYING THAT THE VAST  
7 MAJORITY OF THE EMPLOYEES HERE CARE DEEPLY ABOUT KIDS. AND  
8 THEY ARE YOUTH ADVOCATES. BUT WHEN STAFF ACT OUTSIDE OF OUR  
9 EXPECTATION AND OUR POLICY, WE WILL NOT TOLERATE IT. AND WE  
10 WILL HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE. SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO  
11 THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE. I THINK MISS MITCHELL IS AVAILABLE TO  
12 ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT SPECIFIC ACTION WE'VE TAKEN OVER  
13 THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS. AND IF YOU'D LIKE HER TO COVER THAT,  
14 WE CAN DO THAT.

15

16 **SHEILA MITCHELL:** THANK YOU. SO WHEN I ACCEPTED THE POSITION AS  
17 THE CHIEF DEPUTY OF JUVENILE SERVICES, I DID SO KNOWINGLY  
18 ABOUT SOME OF THE SYSTEMIC ISSUES THAT THE DEPARTMENT WAS  
19 FACING, ONE OF WHICH IS THE USE OF INAPPROPRIATE FORCE, OF C.  
20 SPRAY. I KNOW AS THE CHIEF HAS STATED, WE HAVE A GREAT GROUP  
21 OF STAFF THAT WORK REALLY, REALLY HARD EACH AND EVERY DAY TO  
22 MAKE OUTCOMES FOR OUR CHILDREN, FOR THEIR FAMILIES, BETTER.  
23 BUT TO THAT END, AS WE WERE LOOKING AT THE USE OF PEPPER SPRAY  
24 AND THE QUESTION YOU ASKED A FEW MOMENTS AGO, SUPERVISOR, IS  
25 THAT WHAT WE SAW FROM 2017, FROM 2018, OUR NUMBERS ON ASSAULTS

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1 ON STAFF IS DOWN BY 7-1/2 PERCENT. WE ALSO SAW THAT OUR USE OF  
2 O.C. PEPPER SPRAY FROM 2017 TO 2018 IS DOWN BY I THINK IT WAS  
3 11 PERCENT. AND THAT DIDN'T HAPPEN EASILY. WHAT WE ALSO LOOKED  
4 AT IS THAT WHO IS USING O.C. SPRAY. AND WHAT WE FOUND, AND AS  
5 THE O.I.G. POINTED OUT, THAT IT'S ABOUT 36 PERCENT OF OUR  
6 STAFF. BUT WE TOOK IT A LITTLE STEP DEEPER. WHO ARE THOSE 36  
7 PERCENT? AND THAT 36 PERCENT, 47 PERCENT OF THE USE OF O.C.  
8 SPRAY HAVE LESS THAN TWO YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE COUNTY IN  
9 PROBATION. AND THEN THE OTHER 30 PERCENT HAVE MORE THAN 10  
10 YEARS. AND SO WE WANTED TO UNDERSTAND LIKE IF I'M A NEW STAFF  
11 COMING IN, AND I'M JUST HERE, THIS IS MY FIRST YEAR, SECOND  
12 YEAR, WHAT ARE WE GIVING TO THESE STAFF IN TERMS OF TOOLS TO  
13 MAKE THEIR JOB EASIER? AND SO WE'VE BEEN REALLY INTENTIONAL  
14 ABOUT UNDERSTANDING WHAT WE'VE GIVEN THEM IN THE PAST AND WHAT  
15 WE NEED TO PROVIDE TO THEM TODAY. SO ONE ACTION WE TOOK, AND  
16 THIS WAS SOMETHING THAT'S SHOWING, AND THIS IS WHAT'S  
17 CONTRIBUTING TO THE CORRELATION IN THE DROP OF OUR NUMBERS, AS  
18 WELL, IS THAT OUR STAFF GO THROUGH 12 WEEKS OF TRAINING. THEY  
19 LEAVE THAT TRAINING. AND IF I'M A NEW STAFF, AND I'M EXCITED  
20 ABOUT THE TRAINING, AND I COME, AND THEN ALL OF A SUDDEN I'M  
21 NOW AT BARRY J. OR CENTRAL L.P. AND THE REALITY OF WHAT IT  
22 MEANS TO BE WORKING WITH CHILDREN THAT IS SOMETIMES COMBATIVE,  
23 THAT REALITY SETS IN. AND SO WHAT WE HAVE DONE IS THAT WHEN  
24 STAFF COME OUT OF OUR TRAINING, WE PUT THEM INTO -- WE'RE  
25 PILOTING THIS AT BARRY J. WE PUT THEM INTO A NEW TRAINING, AN

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1 INCUBATION KIND OF LAB, IF THAT MAKES SENSE. AND WE'RE  
2 COACHING THEM, MENTORING THEM, SUPPORTING THEM, PROVIDING THEM  
3 WITH TACTICAL TRAINING, HANDS-ON TRAINING, BUT NOT LETTING  
4 THEM GET ONTO THE FLOOR OF WORKING WITH CHILDREN UNTIL WE  
5 REALLY ASSESS WHAT THEY ARE DOING. SO WE'RE SEEING GREAT  
6 RESULTS IN THAT AREA. I WAS ASKED JUST RECENTLY ABOUT WHAT'S  
7 MY TAKE ON THE USE OF O.C. SPRAY. WHEN I WAS THE CHIEF OF  
8 SANTA CLARA COUNTY FOR NINE YEARS, NEVER USED IT. NEVER USED  
9 IT. AND IT WAS, OF COURSE, YOU KNOW, STAFF OFTEN SAYING THAT  
10 THERE'S BEEN A RISE IN ASSAULTS. THERE'S BEEN A RISE IN  
11 WORKERS' COMP CLAIMS. THAT WASN'T ACTUALLY TRUE. BUT WHAT WE  
12 DID DO, IT WAS A DELIBERATE, INTENTIONAL ACT ABOUT HOW DO WE  
13 INVEST IN STAFF. HOW DO WE DO IT SYSTEMATICALLY? AND SO STAFF,  
14 THEY WENT THROUGH A LOT OF TRAINING OVER THE MANY YEARS. AND  
15 THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT WE'RE DOING TODAY. AND WE'RE SEEING THE  
16 RESULTS OF THAT TRAINING PAY OFF IN TERMS OF O.C. GOING DOWN  
17 AND ASSAULTS GOING UP. BUT WHAT I THINK, YOU KNOW, HAPPENED,  
18 ALSO WHEN WE LOOKED AT 2015 TO 2017, YOU KNOW, IF YOU RECALL  
19 IN 2015/'16 IT WAS ALSO A TIME WHEN THE USE OF SOLITARY  
20 CONFINEMENT WAS DISCONTINUED. AND WE ROLLED OUT THE HOPE  
21 CENTER POLICY IN OUR CAMPS. WE DID NOT ROLL OUT THE HOPE  
22 CENTER POLICY AS WE WERE ASKED TO DO IN OUR JUVENILE HALLS. SO  
23 NOW ALL OF A SUDDEN, NOW YOUNGSTERS THAT MAY HAVE BEEN  
24 CONFINED TO THEIR ROOM WERE OUT AND ABOUT. AND WE DIDN'T EQUIP  
25 OUR STAFF WITH ENOUGH TOOLS TO BE ABLE TO DO A GOOD JOB OF IT.

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1 AND NOW THAT'S AN INTENTIONAL ACT. WE LOOK AT OUR DEPUTY  
2 DIRECTOR AND OUR BUREAU CHIEF WHO ARE HERE TODAY, WE'VE DONE  
3 LISTENING SESSIONS WITH STAFF. WE'VE DONE SOME IN CONJUNCTION  
4 WITH OUR UNION PARTNERS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE ON THE RIGHT  
5 TRACK. WE STILL HAVE A LONG WAYS TO GO. BUT WE'RE STARTING TO  
6 SEE A SHIFT THIS THINGS GOING DOWN. WE'RE GRATEFUL ABOUT THE  
7 REPORT AND GRATEFUL ABOUT THE PARTNERSHIPS THAT WE HAVE WITH  
8 OUR COUNTY ENTITIES, AS WELL.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND I WAS GOING TO CALL  
11 ON OUR COLLEAGUES TO SAY A FEW, TO HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ABSOLUTELY. AND I'LL READ IN A MOTION  
14 SUBSEQUENT TO THAT WITH YOUR CONSENT, MADAM CHAIR.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES. THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

17

18 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THESE CERTAINLY ARE  
19 TROUBLING TIMES. SOME OF THE THINGS THAT I AM READING THROUGH  
20 IN THE REPORT I WAS AWARE IF WHEN I STARTED THE JOB HERE AT  
21 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AND I WANT TO THANK THE O.I.G. FOR  
22 PIECING THIS TOGETHER AND GIVING US A FRAMEWORK OF WHAT WORK  
23 WE STILL HAVE TO ENTAIL. AND WORK TOWARDS GATHERING BETTER  
24 INFORMATION DATA BECAUSE I THINK, JUST LIKE THE SHERIFF'S  
25 DEPARTMENT, WE ALSO HAVE TO LOOK AT DATA AND HOW WE ENFORCE

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1 MORE RIGOR IN TERMS OF REPORTING EVERYTHING AND MAKING THAT  
2 INFORMATION TRANSPARENT AND IN A TIMELY MATTER THAT'S ALSO  
3 DONE. AND IT'S STANDARDIZED BECAUSE I THINK THAT'S WHERE  
4 WE'RE LOSING A LOT OF INFORMATION, AS WELL. I'M CONCERNED THAT  
5 AFTER THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN THEIR JURISDICTION LEFT OUR  
6 CAMP AFTER HAVING TO GO THROUGH SOME REFORMS, AND ALL OF A  
7 SUDDEN WE SEE AN UP TICK IN USE OF FORCE AT THE CAMPS. EVEN  
8 THOUGH WE'RE SAYING THAT OUR NUMBERS HAVE GONE DOWN, WE'RE  
9 ACTUALLY, IN MY OPINION, I'M SEEING MORE EGREGIOUS USE OF  
10 FORCE. AND I SAY THAT ONLY BECAUSE OF WHAT I'M READING IN  
11 TERMS OF THE CASES IN TERMS OF THE USE OF PEPPER SPRAY ON  
12 YOUTH AND THE FACT THAT STAFF APPEARS TO NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND  
13 HOW HARMFUL THIS CAN BE TO A YOUNG PERSON. JUST THE WHOLE  
14 PROCESS OF NOT ADEQUATELY DECONTAMINATING YOUTH OR SPRAYING  
15 THEM INAPPROPRIATELY IN PLACES THAT THEY SHOULD NOT BE SPRAYED  
16 AND NOT ALLOWED TO USE SUFFICIENT MATERIALS TO PROTECT THEM  
17 WHEN THEY ARE REMOVING THE CONTAMINANT OR HAVING SOMEONE, A  
18 NURSE OR SOMEONE, A HEALTH PROFESSIONAL PROVIDING THAT KIND OF  
19 HELP IS ABSENT. AND TO ME, IT JUST -- I'M LISTENING TO WHAT  
20 OUR PUBLIC DEFENDER SAID ABOUT RESPECT AND TRYING TO CREATE A  
21 CULTURE OF RESPECT FOR THE PEOPLE THAT WE CARE FOR BUT ALSO  
22 FOR OUR EMPLOYEES. I HEAR THAT. BUT I CARE MORE ABOUT THESE  
23 YOUNGSTERS WHO ARE COMING IN WHO HAVEN'T EVEN GONE BEFORE A  
24 TRIAL AND HAVEN'T BEEN COMMITTED AND PUT IN OUR JUVENILE HALLS  
25 BECAUSE THAT'S THE FIRST PLACE THEY GO. THEY'RE INTERMIXED

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1 WITH THE VARYING DEGREES OF THAT POPULATION, SOME HAVING VERY  
2 SEVERELY MENTAL ILLNESS, SOME HAVING VERY VIOLENT BACKGROUNDS.  
3 AGE GROUPS VARY FROM 12 TO 18, SOME WITH HISTORIES THAT OUGHT  
4 TO BE SEGREGATED IN A MANNER SO THAT THEY ARE WATCHED MORE  
5 APPROPRIATELY. AND I UNDERSTAND THAT WE'VE HAD ISSUES WITH  
6 STAFFING. I UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT I THINK WE CAN NO LONGER HOLD  
7 BACK. NOW IS A TIME FOR ALL OF US TO COME TO THE TABLE. AND I  
8 KNOW THAT OUR CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER AND OUR ASSISTANT CHIEF  
9 AND EVERYONE HAS BEEN WORKING REALLY HARD. IN FACT, I'M GLAD  
10 WE DON'T HAVE SOLITARY CONFINEMENT. BUT I'M ALSO HERE TO SAY  
11 THAT I'M NOT FOR USING PEPPER SPRAY, EITHER. AND I THINK THAT  
12 IT IS TIME FOR US TO STAND UP AND SAY THAT BECAUSE THE  
13 EVIDENCE SEEMS TO BE VERY CLEAR. AND I'M ALSO CONCERNED THAT  
14 WE DON'T HAVE ADEQUATE FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR APPROPRIATE  
15 SUPERVISION IN TERMS OF HAVING LINE STAFF, MANAGERIAL STAFF,  
16 BUT PEOPLE WHO ARE COMPETENT. AND ALSO THE FACT THAT WE DON'T  
17 HAVE ADEQUATE CAMERAS IN PLACE. SO WHEN YOU HEAR ABOUT  
18 REPORTS, OR WE GET THESE REPORTS, WELL IT'S ACCORDING TO SO-  
19 AND-SO. AND SO-AND-SO SAID THIS. BUT THERE'S NO VIDEO. THERE'S  
20 NOTHING TO BACK UP EITHER WAY WHOSE STORY, THE PERSON IN OUR  
21 CARE OR THE EMPLOYEE. SO I THINK THAT HAS TO BE IMMEDIATELY  
22 ADDRESSED. I ALSO THINK THAT I DO THINK IT'S NECESSARY FOR US  
23 TO HAVE OTHER STAFF, INCLUDING MENTAL HEALTH, BUT NURSING  
24 STAFF AVAILABLE, ESPECIALLY IN OUR HALLS. OUR STAFF THERE, I  
25 KNOW THEY'RE DOING A WONDERFUL JOB THAT I HAVE SEEN RECENTLY



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1 RIGHT HERE AT OUR JUVENILE HALL DOWNTOWN. BUT THERE'S A LONG  
2 WAY TO GO, STILL. THERE ARE STILL CHILDREN, YOUNGSTERS THAT I  
3 SAW, THAT WERE BEING PUNISHED, KEPT IN CELLS SEPARATELY FOR  
4 WHATEVER REASON. I WANT TO SEE -- I SAW SOME REFURBISHING OF  
5 ROOMS. CALL THEM HOPE CENTERS OR WHAT HAVE YOU, BUT NOT ENOUGH  
6 STAFF TO ACTUALLY BE ABLE TO OVERSEE THE CHILDREN OR  
7 YOUNGSTERS THAT COULD USE THAT FACILITY. THERE WAS ALWAYS AN  
8 EXCUSE. WELL THERE WASN'T ENOUGH STAFF TO OVERSEE JUST ONE  
9 CHILD. OR YOU CAN'T GROUP THEM TOGETHER. WELL, SOME OF THIS  
10 DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO ME. AND I'D LIKE TO UNDERSTAND HOW WE  
11 CAN GET TO THAT RIGHT AWAY. I'M ALSO VERY CONCERNED THAT WE  
12 NEED TO COLLABORATE WITH ALL OF OUR PARTNERS AND OUR  
13 STAKEHOLDERS BECAUSE IT ISN'T ALSO JUST THE CHILD. IT'S ALSO  
14 THE INTERACTION THAT THESE YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE WITH THEIR  
15 PARENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES. AND IF THEY'RE NOT ALSO GIVEN  
16 RESPECT AND ALLOWED TO SEE THEIR CHILDREN APPROPRIATELY OR  
17 COMMUNICATE WITH THEM, THEN WE ARE CREATING A SYSTEM THAT'S  
18 GOING TO CREATE MORE HAVOC. AND I KNOW THAT THE REFORMS THAT  
19 WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON, IT'S SLOW MOVING BECAUSE A LOT OF IT  
20 HAS TO TAKE BUY-IN. AND THERE HAS TO BE BUY-IN BY THE VERY  
21 STAFF AND PEOPLE THAT WORK FOR US IN THE COUNTY. AND THAT'S AT  
22 ALL LEVELS STARTING FROM THE TOP ALL THE WAY DOWN. BUT MORE  
23 IMPORTANTLY, I'M CONCERNED THAT THERE ARE ONLY A CERTAIN GROUP  
24 OF PEOPLE, AS YOU JUST DESCRIBED, MS. MITCHELL, REGARDING  
25 THOSE THAT HAVE USED SPRAY, PEPPER SPRAY. YOU SAY 2 PERCENT?

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1 YOU GAVE SOME FIGURES THERE? 36 PERCENT OF THE STAFF HAVE USED  
2 FORCE OR PEPPER SPRAY. AND 47 PERCENT, THERE'S A BREAKDOWN,  
3 THOSE THAT CAME DOWN THAT HAVE BEEN THERE FOR TWO YEARS AND  
4 THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN THERE FOR 10 YEARS. SO THE TWO YEARS I  
5 GET WE CAN CATCH AND PROBABLY HELP TO RETRAIN AND GIVE THEM  
6 THE RIGHT APPROPRIATE TOOLS, INTERVENTION. AND THE 10 YEARS,  
7 THAT ONE'S GOING TO REQUIRE A LOT MORE. THAT ONE, I DON'T KNOW  
8 IF YOU CAN CHANGE ATTITUDES THAT QUICKLY. BUT THAT'S CERTAINLY  
9 WHAT I THINK A FOCUS SHOULD BE FOR THIS BOARD. I'M ALSO  
10 CONCERNED ABOUT THE FACT THAT WE REALLY HAVE TO HAVE MORE  
11 REPORTS TRANSPARENCY TO THE PUBLIC WHEN THESE THINGS ARE  
12 OCCURRING AND SOME KIND OF A RECORD TO SHOW US WHAT  
13 ACHIEVEMENTS WE HAVE MADE. HOW FAR HAVE WE COME IN OUR  
14 TRAINING? AND THIS 12 WEEKS OF TRAINING THAT GOES ON, HOW  
15 REALISTIC AND READY-MADE IS THIS TRAINING? DOES IT REALLY ASK  
16 THE TOUGH QUESTIONS OF HOW AN INCOMING PROBATION OFFICER, HE  
17 OR SHE, HOW TO INTERACT WITH A CHILD THAT MAY HAVE HAD SEVERAL  
18 TRAUMA-RELATED EVENTS IN THEIR LIFE? HOW DO THEY ACT? WHAT ARE  
19 THE APPROPRIATE TOOLS? THAT TAKES MORE THAN 12 WEEKS. SO THIS  
20 TRAINING HAS TO BE ONGOING. AND THEN HOW DO YOU MAKE SURE THAT  
21 THERE ARE CHECKS AND BALANCES THAT THE INFORMATION IS BEING  
22 RETAINED IN PRACTICE. AND OVER A COURSE OF MAYBE THE FIRST TWO  
23 YEARS, IF YOU'RE BRINGING PEOPLE ON, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO SEE  
24 IF THERE'S A GROWTH, IF THIS IS WORKING OR NOT, AND THEN WITH  
25 OBVIOUSLY WITH OTHER STAFF THAT ARE ALREADY THERE. I AGREE

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1 WITH YOU ON MENTORING AND HAVING, YOU KNOW, TEAM LEADERS WORK  
2 WITH NEW STAFF AND OTHERWISE FOR BEST PRACTICES, BUT I DON'T  
3 THINK IT'S ENOUGH. AND I DEFINITELY WANT TO SEE US GO IN THAT  
4 DIRECTION. I'M ALARMED AS EVERYONE ELSE I THINK ON THIS BOARD  
5 BECAUSE WE HAVE TO MAKE BIGGER STRIDES AND MAKE BETTER  
6 DECISIONS BUT INCLUDE MORE PEOPLE IN THAT DECISION-MAKING. AND  
7 THAT INCLUDES OUR STAKEHOLDERS. THAT INCLUDES OUR P.D. THAT  
8 INCLUDES THE FOLKS THAT WE'RE PROBABLY GOING TO HEAR FROM IN A  
9 MOMENT. AND I APPRECIATE AGAIN WHAT THE O.I.G. IS DOING HERE.  
10 AND I WOULD SAY HELP US CONTINUE TO MOVE THIS ALONG. BECAUSE  
11 I'M SURE THERE ARE OTHER THINGS THAT WE'RE NOT FULLY AWARE OF  
12 THAT THE PUBLIC NEEDS TO BE AWARE OF AND WE, AS BOARD MEMBERS,  
13 NEED TO KNOW. AND I THANK SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. AND I KNOW  
14 SUPERVISOR KUEHL MAY BE COMING FORWARD WITH A MOTION. I WILL  
15 BE LOOKING VERY KEENLY TO SEE WE ARE GOING IN THIS DIRECTION  
16 BECAUSE I THINK THAT VIOLENCE BEGETS VIOLENCE. AND WE HAVE TO  
17 TAKE A DIFFERENT MODE. I REALIZE THAT SOME OF OUR EMPLOYEES  
18 MAY NOT FEEL SAFE AT TIMES, BUT THERE SHOULD BE METHODS USED  
19 SO THAT WE CAN -- BEFORE WE EVEN BEGIN, WE UNDERSTAND WHAT  
20 WE'RE FACED WITH AND TRY TO UNDERSTAND HOW TO DEESCALATE AND  
21 BRING IN OTHER RESOURCES THAT CAN HELP US PROVIDE THAT  
22 MITIGATION FOR THE SAFETY AND SAKE OF OUR CHILDREN AND THEIR  
23 FAMILIES BECAUSE THEY'RE ENTRUSTING THOSE CHILDREN WITH US. SO  
24 THOSE ARE THE ONLY THINGS I WANT TO SAY, MADAM CHAIR.

25

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1    **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

2

3    **SUP. SOLIS:** AND I THANK OUR STAFFS FOR COMING AND THE O.I.G.'S  
4    OFFICE.

5

6    **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR BARGER.

7

8    **SUP. BARGER:** WOW, WHERE DO I BEGIN? I HAVE NOTES.

9

10   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SHE HAS NOTES.

11

12   **SUP. BARGER:** I HAVE NOTES. I FIRST WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
13   REPORT. IT SHEDS LIGHT. I DO BELIEVE THAT THE IRONY'S NOT LOST  
14   ON ME THAT THERE'S A CORRELATION BETWEEN THE USE OF FORCE  
15   GOING UP AND, YET, NO, OUR POPULATION IN OUR CAMPS AND OUR  
16   JUVENILE HALLS ARE GOING DOWN. THAT TELLS ME THE POPULATION  
17   WE'VE GOT IN THERE, AND I THINK, TERRI, YOU REFER TO THEM AS  
18   HIGH NEEDS, HIGH RISK. YOU TALK ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH. ALL ROADS  
19   LEAD BACK TO MENTAL HEALTH, WHETHER IT BE IN OUR JAILS OR IN  
20   OUR JUVENILE HALLS. THE ONE AREA THAT WE'RE SILENT ON ARE THE  
21   EMPLOYEES. YOU KNOW, I'VE ASKED FOR THE NUMBER OF WORKMAN'S  
22   COMPS BECAUSE I'M BEING TOLD THAT IT'S GONE UP, IN FACT, THAT  
23   THERE ARE MANY EMPLOYEES THAT HAVE GONE OUT ON WORKMAN'S COMP  
24   BASED ON INTERACTION WITH YOUTH AND BEING HURT. I THINK IT IS  
25   TRAINING. SACHI, I'VE TALKED TO YOU ABOUT THE STAFFING RATIO

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1 AS IT RELATES TO WHAT'S GOING ON IN OUR CAMPS. I'M TOLD THE  
2 RATIOS ARE BETTER THAN EVER. I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S TRUE OR  
3 NOT. BUT THAT ALSO LEADS ME TO BELIEVE THAT MAYBE TRAINING IS  
4 AN ISSUE. I KNOW I'VE TALKED TO L.A.C.O. WE HAVEN'T TALKED  
5 ABOUT THE TEACHERS IN OUR CAMPS, IN OUR JUVENILE HALLS, AND  
6 THE VIOLENCE THAT THEY'VE FACED AND THE WORKMAN'S COMP THAT  
7 THEY'RE GOING OUT ON BECAUSE OF INJURY, WHICH IS PROBLEMATIC.  
8 YOU KNOW, I DON'T THINK THIS IS AS SIMPLE AS -- I THINK  
9 THERE'S A LOT OF GRAY AREAS HERE AS IT RELATES TO WHAT WE'RE  
10 DEALING WITH. WE'RE DEALING WITH A POPULATION THAT HAS HIGH  
11 NEEDS. AND WE TALK ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH. IT'S LIKE OUR SHERIFFS  
12 IN OUR JAILS. IF THEY'RE NOT TRAINED TO DEAL WITH THE MENTAL  
13 HEALTH ISSUES, THEN IT'S INEVITABLY GOING TO LEAD TO SERIOUS  
14 SITUATIONS AND CONFRONTATIONS IN OUR JAILS. UNDERSTANDING HOW  
15 TO DEESCALATE, WHEN SOMEONE WHO IS HAVING SOME SORT OF ACTING  
16 OUT IS NOT DEALT WITH IN A WAY THAT TRAINING WILL ALLOW THEM  
17 TO UNDERSTAND AND DEESCALATE IT, THEN IT'S GOING TO GET WORSE.  
18 I'M NOT SAYING PEPPER SPRAY IS THE ANSWER BECAUSE WHEN I HEAR  
19 AND I READ ABOUT THE FACT THAT THEY'RE NOT PROPERLY TEACHING  
20 OR ALLOWING THEM TO CLEAN THEMSELVES, AND THEY HAVE TO GO TO  
21 THE TOILETS, OR THEY'RE BEING SPRAYED IN AREAS THAT SHOULD NOT  
22 BE, THAT CLEARLY IS PROBLEMATIC. TERRI, MY QUESTION TO YOU IS  
23 DOES THE REPORTING DIFFER WITHIN THE CAMPS AND THE HALLS? AND  
24 ARE THEIR DISCREPANCIES, LIKE ARE THERE ARE MORE CAMPS AND

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1 HALLS WHERE WE'RE HAVING A HIGHER USE OF FORCE USED THAN  
2 OTHERS?

3

4 **TERRI MCDONALD, CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR, I AM AS  
5 CONCERNED ABOUT THE DATA AND REPORTING OF FORCE WITHIN THE  
6 PROBATION DEPARTMENT AS I WAS WHEN I TOOK OVER THE SHERIFF'S  
7 DEPARTMENT. AND SO WE DO HAVE A REPORT WE CAN SEND YOU THAT  
8 BREAKS DOWN WHERE WE'RE USING FORCE BY FACILITY. AND WE HAVE  
9 HIGHER USE FORCE FACILITIES, CAMPS, THAN OTHER ONES. BUT I  
10 WOULD WELCOME AN INDEPENDENT WORKING WITH US AROUND OUR DATA.  
11 WE MET WITH THE C.I.O. YESTERDAY ABOUT OUR OVERALL DATA  
12 SYSTEMS THAT WE REALLY STRUGGLE WITH. SO THE ANSWER IS YES, WE  
13 DO HAVE CAMPS THAT ARE HIGHER USE OF FORCE. NOT ALL OF OUR  
14 CAMPS HAVE O.C., BY THE WAY, THOUGH. WE DON'T HAVE O.C.  
15 EVERYWHERE. WE HAVE O.C. IN OUR JUVENILE HALLS AND AT THE  
16 CHALLENGER. OUR OTHER ONES DON'T. SO YOU WON'T SEE ANY O.C. IN  
17 THOSE FACILITIES.

18

19 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY BECAUSE I DO THINK IT'S IMPORTANT. AS I  
20 RECALL, THERE WAS ONE THAT THE REPORTING WAS NOT IN LINE WITH  
21 WHAT WAS EXPECTED FROM THE OTHER CAMPS.

22

23 **TERRI MCDONALD, CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR, I REALLY  
24 THINK WE HAVE A LOT TO DO AS A COUNTY FAMILY LOOKING AT DATA.  
25 AND WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON IT. BUT IT'S ONE IN WHICH I REALLY

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1 THINK WE WOULD BENEFIT FROM SOMEBODY WORKING WITH US AND  
2 LOOKING INDEPENDENTLY.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER:** WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE CAMERAS BEING PUT INTO  
5 PLAY?

6

7 **TERRI MCDONALD, CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER:** SO WE'VE BEEN WORKING  
8 WITH THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE. WHAT WE DID WAS WE ASKED FOR A FULL  
9 SCALE CAMERA REVIEW. IF I REMEMBER OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD, IT  
10 WAS ROUGHLY 30 TO 35 MILLION-DOLLARS. DO YOU WANT TO TALK  
11 ABOUT, SACHI?

12

13 **C.E.O. HAMAI:** AM I ON? OKAY. SO LAST YEAR, PROBATION HAD PUT  
14 IN A REQUEST FOR \$39.5 MILLION FOR CAMERAS AT I THINK NINE OF  
15 TEN FACILITIES. WE DID FUND CENTRAL JUVENILE HALL TO THEIR  
16 REQUEST. IT WAS \$7.4 MILLION. THE NUMBER OF CAMERAS THERE THAT  
17 WERE PLACED WERE 460. THE REMAINING REQUEST, WHICH WAS 33  
18 MILLION, WE HAD INDICATED THAT WE WOULD DO A PHASE-IN BECAUSE  
19 OBVIOUSLY, FOR MONEY REASONS AND ALSO THE FACT THAT THE  
20 PROBATION CHIEF HAS BEEN TALKING ABOUT CLOSING VARIOUS  
21 FACILITIES, SO WE WANTED TO MAKE SURE WE WERE IN LOCK STEP. SO  
22 WITH THIS YEAR, THERE IS A REQUEST FOR 33 MILLION FOR THE  
23 REMAINING FACILITIES, ALTHOUGH THERE ARE A COUPLE FACILITIES  
24 THAT WE'LL BE CLOSING DOWN THAT WILL BE TAKEN OUT OF THE  
25 EQUATION, WHICH SHOULD BRING THAT DOLLAR AMOUNT DOWN. SO,



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1 AGAIN, I THINK THAT THE WAY WE LOOKED AT IT WAS FUNDING THE  
2 FACILITY THAT HAD THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF ASSAULTS, WHICH WAS  
3 CENTRAL JUVENILE HALL, 783 ASSAULTS IN 2017. AND WE PROVIDED  
4 THOSE CAMERAS, 460 CAMERAS, AT A COST OF \$7.4 MILLION.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER:** I THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT. I KNOW THAT IS  
7 SOMETHING THIS BOARD EARLY ON EVEN BEFORE I WAS ELECTED TO  
8 THIS BOARD HAD DISCUSSED AND FELT WAS IMPORTANT, AN IMPORTANT  
9 TOOL MOVING FORWARD. BUT, YOU KNOW, AGAIN, I FEEL THAT, FROM A  
10 HOLISTIC STANDPOINT, IT'S AS MUCH ABOUT TRAINING AS IT IS  
11 ABOUT THE CULTURE. I'VE TALKED TO THE EMPLOYEES WHO I KNOW ARE  
12 GOING TO BE SPEAKING, SOME REPRESENTATIVES HERE TODAY. AND  
13 THEY SAY IT'S LIKE BEING -- YOU KNOW, IT'S BEING TOLD YOU'VE  
14 GOT TO DO SOMETHING BUT NOT BEING TRAINED ON HOW TO GO ABOUT  
15 USING THAT USE OF FORCE. SO I THINK IT'S ALMOST LIKE THEY FEEL  
16 THEY'RE BEING SET UP FOR FAILURE BECAUSE NOW THERE'S A FEAR OF  
17 DOING ANYTHING OR ENGAGING IN SOMETHING FOR FEAR THEY'RE GOING  
18 TO GET WRITTEN UP. AND THEN YOU'VE GOT THEM GOING OUT ON AN  
19 INJURY. THE NUMBERS ARE NOT AS ALARMING AS I THOUGHT THEY  
20 MIGHT BE IN TERMS OF WE'VE GONE UP. OUR CLAIMS HAVE GONE UP  
21 FROM LAST YEAR. IT WAS 673 TO RIGHT NOW IT'S AT 728, WHICH  
22 DOESN'T -- I MEAN, MAYBE THAT IS A HIGH PERCENTAGE FOR OTHER  
23 DEPARTMENTS. IT IS, SACHI? IN TERMS OF THE NUMBER?

24

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1   **C.E.O. HAMAI:** IT IS. IF YOU LOOK AT THE DOLLAR AMOUNT, AS  
2   WELL, I THINK IT WENT UP FROM ABOUT 23 MILLION TO THE CURRENT  
3   OF ALMOST 29 MILLION. SO THAT'S QUITE A LOT IN ONE YEAR.

4

5   **SUP. BARGER:** DOES OUR RISK MANAGER LOOK AT THAT NUMBER AND  
6   THEN ADDRESS THE DEPARTMENT ON THE CONCERNS THEY HAVE?

7

8   **C.E.O. HAMAI:** ABSOLUTELY.

9

10   **SUP. BARGER:** BECAUSE THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT THESE ARE YOUTH  
11   THAT HAVE A COMPLICATED PAST, IF IN FACT WHAT I'M BEING TOLD  
12   IS TRUE IS HIGH NEEDS, HIGH RISK. AND THEN YOU VALIDATE IT  
13   WITH WHAT YOU'VE SEEN AS IT RELATES TO THE MENTAL HEALTH AND  
14   PROBABLY SUBSTANCE ABUSE ISSUES THAT ARE BEING DEALT WITH. SO  
15   WE HAVE A TALL ORDER AHEAD OF US. AND IT'S NOT GOING TO BE A  
16   ONE-SIZE-FITS-ALL. IT'S GOING TO BE SOMETHING THAT I THINK  
17   THAT IF WE DO NOT ADDRESS IT IN OUR HALLS AND REALLY ADDRESS  
18   IT HOLISTICALLY AS IT RELATES TO SERVICES, THESE KIDS ARE  
19   GOING TO END UP IN OUR PRISONS BECAUSE THEY'RE GOING TO BE  
20   RELEASED AND NOT GIVEN THE TOOLS TO SUCCEED. AND I DO AGREE  
21   VIOLENCE IS NOT THE WAY TO GO ABOUT DOING IT. BUT I ALSO THINK  
22   THAT SPARING THE ROD AS IT RELATES TO TIME OUT SOMETIMES IS  
23   NOT GOING TO BE THE ANSWER, AS WELL. IT'S SERVICES AND WRAP-  
24   AROUND SERVICES. AND I WOULD EVEN LIKE TO SEE SOMETHING LIKE  
25   THE MENTAL EVALUATION TEAM APPROACH IN OUR CAMPS BECAUSE IF

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1 YOU LOOK AT WHAT THE SHERIFF HAS DONE WITH THE MENTAL  
2 EVALUATION TEAM, THE PERCENTAGE OF INDIVIDUALS THAT END UP  
3 BEING TAKEN IN IS ABOUT 1 PERCENT VERSUS BEING ABLE TO RESOLVE  
4 THE SITUATION IN A VERY COMPASSIONATE WAY. AND SO MAYBE IT'S  
5 SOMETHING THAT NEEDS TO BE LOOKED AT WITHIN OUR JUVENILE HALLS  
6 AND JAILS, AND THAT IS A TEAM THAT REALLY UNDERSTANDS HOW TO  
7 DEESCALATE AND TALK DOWN A SITUATION VERSUS RESORTING TO  
8 FORCE. AND I THINK THAT THE EMPLOYEES WOULD BENEFIT FROM THAT,  
9 AS WELL, BECAUSE, OBVIOUSLY, THERE'S SOMETHING A LITTLE OUT OF  
10 WHACK HERE. AND I THINK, AGAIN, THE TRUTH IS SOMEWHERE IN  
11 BETWEEN. I DO THINK TRAINING IS AN ISSUE. AND I THINK THAT  
12 IT'S IMPORTANT TO HEAR FROM OUR EMPLOYEES BECAUSE THEY ARE THE  
13 ONES ON THE FRONT LINE. ALL OF US SITTING HERE ARE REPORTING  
14 WHAT WE'RE SEEING. I THINK WE SHOULD HEAR FROM THE PEOPLE THAT  
15 ARE ON THE FRONT LINE EACH AND EVERY DAY ADDRESSING THE  
16 CHILDREN IN OUR CAMPS AND OUR HALLS. SO WITH THAT, THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND, AGAIN, I'LL SAY WE REALLY  
19 APPRECIATE THIS REPORT. I THINK IT WAS -- SOME OF IT WAS HARD  
20 TO READ. I KNOW MY OWN STAFF VIEWING SOME OF THE VIDEO KIND OF  
21 USED WORDS LIKE TORTURE. SO I KNOW THEY WERE VERY DISTURBED BY  
22 WHAT THEY SAW. BUT I'M ALSO VERY COMPELLED, AND OUR PUBLIC  
23 DEFENDER MENTIONED THE FEELING OF STAFF. AND THE FACT THAT  
24 THEY ARE FEELING UNSAFE IS CERTAINLY, THAT'S THEIR REALITY. I  
25 FIND MYSELF, YOU KNOW, INTERESTED IN EXPLORING WHAT OUR

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1    OPTIONS ARE BEFORE US, COLLEAGUES, AND WHETHER WE MOVE TO BAN  
2    PEPPER SPRAY COMPLETELY. I KNOW WE'RE ONLY ONE OF SIX COUNTIES  
3    IN THE COUNTRY THAT STILL USES PEPPER SPRAY. BUT I'M VERY --  
4    AND YOU MENTIONED IT. YOU WENT WAY INTO YOUR REPORT BEFORE YOU  
5    GOT TO THE STAFF. IT'S TROUBLING TO ME, HONESTLY, COLLEAGUES,  
6    THAT WHAT WE'RE CALLING SOME ABUSE AND INAPPROPRIATE USE OF  
7    PEPPER SPRAY. IT'S AS TROUBLING TO ME, THOUGH, TO HEAR THAT  
8    OUR WORKERS, AS YOU MENTIONED, SUPERVISOR BARGER, WHO ARE  
9    FEELING UNSAFE, THE MORALE IS LOW, NOT FEELING SUPPORTED, YOU  
10    KNOW. AND WHILE THEY MAY BE CHILDREN IN OUR CUSTODY, YOU KNOW,  
11    I'VE HEARD THEM TALK ABOUT SOME OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE, YOU  
12    KNOW, BIGGER, BADDER. AND, YOU KNOW, I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT  
13    OUR MEN AND WOMEN WHO WORK IN THIS DEPARTMENT ARE COMPLETELY  
14    SUPPORTED, WHETHER THAT MEANS BETTER TRAINING OR WHAT. BUT I  
15    DON'T LIKE THE FACT THAT THEY'RE NOT FEELING LOVED BY US. THEY  
16    PERFORM AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT PART OF WHAT OUR MISSION IS IN  
17    THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND THESE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE IN OUR  
18    CUSTODY. THEY'RE IN OUR PURVIEW. AND YET I THINK OUR PUBLIC  
19    DEFENDER MADE A VERY COMPELLING TESTIMONY ON, YOU KNOW, HOW WE  
20    JUST CAN'T BE RESPONSIBLE IF WE KNOW THERE'S ABUSE OR ANY  
21    INAPPROPRIATE USE. I WILL SAY, SHEILA, I'M COMPELLED BY YOUR  
22    TIME AS CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER UP IN SANTA CLARA. AND PEPPER  
23    SPRAY, WAS IT BANNED, OR YOU JUST DIDN'T USE IT?

24

25    **SHEILA MITCHELL:** WE DIDN'T USE IT.

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** RIGHT. AND YOU TALKED ABOUT SOME OF THE  
3 DATA. I'M INTERESTED IN HOW THE STAFF FELT. NOT BEING ABLE TO  
4 USE, NOT BEING ABLE TO HAVE PEPPER SPRAY AS A TOOL.

5

6 **SHEILA MITCHELL:** YEAH, OVER THE NINE YEARS THAT I WAS THERE,  
7 YOU KNOW, CERTAINLY I WAS APPROACHED BY THE UNION SEVERAL  
8 TIMES ABOUT, "WE REALLY FEEL LIKE NEED TO HAVE PEPPER SPRAY".  
9 AND THEN WHAT I DID WAS JUST HAVING MORE CONVERSATIONS WITH  
10 THEM ABOUT WHAT IS IT THAT YOU ARE TRULY NEEDING? AND SO  
11 THAT'S WHEN WE, YOU KNOW, ACCELERATED DIFFERENT TYPES OF  
12 TRAINING. YOU KNOW, EVEN HERE, THE MET TRAINING AND THE MET  
13 TEAM, WE'RE DOING THAT TRAINING HERE, WHEN I LEFT IN 2013,  
14 LAURA GARNET WHO IS THE CHIEF THERE, I SPOKE WITH HER  
15 YESTERDAY. AND I SAID HOW ARE THINGS GOING? AND SHE SAID WELL,  
16 WHEN YOU LEFT, YOU KNOW, THE UNION CAME BACK TO ME SAYING,  
17 "CAN WE USE PEPPER SPRAY"? SO THEY PILOTED IT FOR SIX MONTHS.  
18 AND AFTER THAT SIX MONTHS, AND THEY DIDN'T PILOT IT WITH THE  
19 PEPPER SPRAY ON THE PERSON. THEY PILOTED IT WITH THE PEPPER  
20 SPRAY BEING IN THE CASE IN THE EVENT THAT WAS NEEDED. BUT THEN  
21 NO ONE EVER NEEDED IT. AND I THINK IT'S REALLY ABOUT -- IT IS  
22 ABOUT CULTURE. IT'S ABOUT MAKING SURE THAT OUR STAFF, OUR  
23 SUPERVISORS, ALL OF MY TEAM MEMBERS UNDERSTAND WHY WE'RE HERE  
24 AND THAT IS TO SERVE THESE YOUNG CHILDREN. BUT IT'S ALSO ABOUT  
25 MAKING SURE THAT THE TOOLS ARE THERE FOR US.

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AS WE GO FORWARD, I WOULD HOPE  
3 THAT WE'RE ASKING OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN THE DEPARTMENT EXACTLY  
4 WHAT YOU JUST SAID. WHAT IS IT THAT YOU NEED? AND AS WE GO  
5 FORWARD, I DON'T WANT TO MAKE A DECISION THAT IN ANY WAY  
6 UNDERMINES THEIR HARD WORK THAT THEY DO, THAT WE'RE ASKING  
7 THEM TO DO EVERY SINGLE DAY. BUT I DO KNOW, AS A MOTHER AND A  
8 GRANDMOTHER, SOME OF THOSE PICTURES PARTICULARLY OF THE YOUNG  
9 GIRLS WAS VERY DIFFICULT TO LOOK AT. SO I LOOK FORWARD TO  
10 MOVING FORWARD, COLLEAGUES, ON THIS. BUT I FORGET WHICH ONE OF  
11 YOU SAID IT, YOU'RE ALL SO GOOD TODAY, BUT ABOUT WE NEED ALL  
12 THE STAKEHOLDERS. WE NEED BUY-IN. THAT WAS IT. WE NEED BUY-IN  
13 WHATEVER DECISION THAT WE MAKE GOING FORWARD. BUT I THINK  
14 THERE'S A LOT AT STAKE HERE. AND THERE'S CERTAINLY LIVES ALL  
15 AROUND THAT MATTER IN THIS DEBATE. SO THANK YOU. THANK YOU  
16 VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES. I  
19 SIMPLY WISH TO OFFER A MOTION FOR US TO CONSIDER BY WAY OF  
20 READING IT IN. IT ASKS TO HOLD A SPECIAL HEARING ON THIS  
21 REPORT AND DEAL WITH THE SAFETY CONCERNS IN THE JUVENILE  
22 FACILITIES AND HAVE A FULL-ON SPECIAL HEARING TO DEAL WITH  
23 THAT. THE MOTION REQUESTS UPDATED DATA ON PEPPER SPRAY AS WAS  
24 INDICATED IN ONE OF MY EARLIER QUESTIONS. I SUGGEST THAT WE  
25 MOVE ABOUT THE TASK OF CREATING AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

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1   STEMMING FROM THE O.I.G. REPORT AND THE PRIT HEARING. IT'S  
2   SUGGESTED THAT WE ENGAGE IN ASSESSING THE MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS  
3   IN THE JUVENILE FACILITIES IN EARNEST AND DEAL WITH THAT IN A  
4   WAY THAT WE HAVE NOT TO DATE. AND IT FINALLY REQUESTS THAT THE  
5   INSPECTOR GENERAL CONDUCT A FOLLOW-UP REPORT ON SAFETY  
6   CONCERNS OUTLINED IN THE REPORT THAT'S BEFORE US. MADAM CHAIR,  
7   IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE FEBRUARY 19TH MEETING IS THE TIME FOR  
8   US TO PERHAPS LOOK MORE DEEPLY INTO THESE DIRECTIVES AND TO  
9   ADOPT, UNLESS THERE'S READINESS ON THE BOARD TODAY TO DO SO.  
10  MINIMALLY, I THINK WE OUGHT TO MOVE FORWARD WITH DIRECTING THE  
11  PRIT TO HOLD THESE SPECIAL HEARINGS CONSISTENT WITH WHAT  
12  SUPERVISOR SOLIS HAS ALREADY INDICATED IN TERMS OF EXPANDING  
13  AND DEEPENING THE STAKEHOLDERS TO DIG INTO THIS VERY  
14  CAREFULLY, VERY THOUGHTFULLY. AND THIS DISCUSSION CAN TAKE OFF  
15  AS AN EXTENSION OF WHAT WE ARE DOING HERE TODAY TO DEAL WITH  
16  THE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF THE COUNTY'S JUVENILE JUSTICE  
17  FACILITIES, INCLUDING THE QUANTIFIABLE METRICS TO MEASURE  
18  TRENDS, DEMOGRAPHIC DATA, ALL OF THOSE THINGS THAT WE KNOW ARE  
19  NECESSARY. AND SO ITEM 1 IN THE DIRECTIVES WOULD BE THE ONLY  
20  THING THAT WE WOULD ADOPT TODAY. THE BALANCE I THINK WE SHOULD  
21  CONTINUE TO THE 19TH OF FEBRUARY. AND I WOULD SO MOVE. AND  
22  THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-AUTHORSHIP, MADAM CHAIR.  
23



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1   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MADAM EXECUTIVE  
2   OFFICER, DO WE HAVE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT WOULD LIKE TO  
3   ADDRESS US ON THIS ITEM?

4

5   **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE FOLLOWING  
6   INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME? ANTONIA  
7   RAMIREZ, BREANNA COLINDRES, DAISY GONZALEZ, DEBRA LARS, ERIC  
8   PREVEN, GEORGE BUZZETTI, HANS LIANG, JACOB JACKSON, JIM  
9   SHENGARTH, KIM MCGILL, PHAL SOK, VICTOR TRUJILLO. LUPITA  
10   CABALLO, AND KENT MENDOZA. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL  
11   ASSIST YOU.

12

13   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WE'LL ALLOW EACH OF YOU 90 SECONDS. YOU  
14   DON'T HAVE TO USE IT ALL. AS SOON AS YOU GET SITUATED, GO  
15   AHEAD AND ADDRESS US. GOOD AFTERNOON.

16

17   **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM STUDIO CITY,  
18   THIRD DISTRICT. I APPRECIATE THE CONCERN. BUT I HAVE TO ADMIT  
19   PEPPER SPRAY, THERE'S SOMETHING A LITTLE FISHY ABOUT THIS ONE,  
20   MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS BECAUSE YOU DON'T WANT TO USE PEPPER SPRAY  
21   VERY FREQUENTLY. THE WORKERS DON'T WANT TO USE IT BECAUSE IT  
22   GETS ALL OVER. IT'S VERY UNPLEASANT.

23

24   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** EXCUSE ME. HOLD HIS TIME. LET'S PLEASE TRY  
25   TO REFRAIN FROM TOO MUCH NOISE IN THE AUDITORIUM. LET'S GIVE

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1 RESPECT TO THOSE WHO ARE -- WHO HAVE THE FLOOR. THANK YOU, MR.  
2 PREVEN. GO AHEAD.

3

4 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. WHEN YOU HAVE A USE OF FORCE SITUATION  
5 WITH YOUNG PEOPLE, YOU NEED COMPASSION AND MORE INDIVIDUALS.  
6 BUT I'M NOT SURE THIS IS A STAFF ROLL OUT. THERE HAS TO BE  
7 SECLUSION, THOUGH, NOT ISOLATION FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME,  
8 BUT YOU HAVE TO BE ABLE TO PUT SOMEONE IN A QUIET ROOM. THAT  
9 IS PART OF THE WAY IT'S DONE. I WORKED IN A MENTAL FACILITY  
10 DURING MY COLLEGE YEARS. I WAS ON THE SQUAD. AND THAT'S  
11 IMPORTANT. I JUST THINK THAT CUSTODIAL RESPONSIBILITIES COME  
12 FROM CUSTODY DIVISION MANUALS. AND THAT'S WHY I HAVE TO TURN  
13 TO MARY WICKHAM WHO IS ABOUT TO GO INTO CON FAB WITH M.R.T.  
14 AND SAY WE'RE READY, AND MR. VILLANUEVA SAY WE ARE READY TO  
15 HAVE A LOOK AT THE CUSTODY DIVISION MANUAL BECAUSE THAT'S AT  
16 THE JAILS. BUT IT'S THE SAME ISSUE. I DON'T THINK THERE'S  
17 ANYTHING INHERENTLY -- THEY'RE DISGUSTING, PEPPER SPRAY, BUT  
18 IF YOU HAVE A SCRUM OF 25 PEOPLE, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?  
19 ONE FINAL POINT, ONE THING WE'RE NOT GOING DO IS WHAT THE CITY  
20 OF LOS ANGELES DID IS GET A BUNCH OF TASERS, WHICH THERE WERE  
21 49 DEATHS RELATED TO TASERS. THERE'S SOMETHING CIRCULATING  
22 RIGHT NOW. SO, JUST TO BE VERY, VERY CLEAR FOR THE LOBBYISTS  
23 WHO WOULD LOVE TO POUNCE ON OH, THEY'RE GETTING RID OF PEPPER  
24 SPRAY, HOW ABOUT A BOX OF TASERS WITH YOUR BODY CAMS? NO  
25 THANKS.

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

3

4 **ANTONIA RAMRIEZ:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. FIRST OF ALL, TERRI  
5 MCDONALD, I WAS HERE WHEN KNABE AND ANTONOVICH WERE HERE. AND  
6 YOU SPOKE OF CORRECTING THE WHOLE ENTIRE PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE  
7 WHOLE CRIMINAL AREA OF THE JAIL SYSTEMS. NOW LET ME TELL YOU  
8 SOMETHING. TERRI MCDONALD AND SHEILA MITCHELL, YOU HAVE FAILED  
9 MISERABLY. WE HAVE A PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUE. WE HAVE GANG  
10 EPIDEMICS. THESE CHILDREN ARE GANG INDOCTRINATED. WHY DON'T  
11 YOU JUST SEND THE KIDS THAT ARE ILLEGALLY HERE, DEPORT THEM.  
12 AND LET'S NOT NEGLECT THE AMERICAN KIDS. LET'S PUT OUR FOCUS  
13 AND MONEY ON THESE CHILDREN THAT ARE BORN IN AMERICA, THAT ARE  
14 LEGAL LAW-ABIDING CHILDREN, AND DEPORT THE ONES THAT ARE NOT  
15 HERE. LET THEIR COUNTRY ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITY OF HEALING  
16 THEM. AND LET'S START RESTORING AMERICA AND THE COMMUNITIES.  
17 BUT LET'S ALSO USE FORCE. WE NEED TO GIVE THEM A GOOD KICK IN  
18 THE ASS. FIRST OF ALL, THESE KIDS NEED A GOOD KICK IN THE ASS.  
19 STOP REWARDING THESE KIDS. GIVE THEM WHAT THEY NEED, A KICK IN  
20 THE ASS AND STRAIGHTEN THEM UP. THAT'S WHAT WE NEED. STOP  
21 REWARDING THE CRIMINALS.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

24

25 **HANS LIANG:** GOOD MORNING OR AFTERNOON NOW.

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GOOD AFTERNOON.

3

4 **HANS LIANG:** MY NAME IS HANS LIANG. I SERVE AS A PRESIDENT FOR  
5 A.S.M.E. LOCAL 685, THE L.A. COUNTY DEPUTY PROBATION OFFICERS  
6 UNION. I WANT TO START FIRST BY WISHING EVERYONE A HAPPY LUNAR  
7 NEW YEAR, A PROSPEROUS AND HEALTHY FOR THIS YEAR OF THE BOAR.  
8 I WANT TO THANK THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR  
9 RECOGNIZING THE EXTRAORDINARY PASSION OF OUR MEMBERS AND OUR  
10 COMMITMENT TO REHABILITATE JUVENILES ON PROBATION. THE O.I.G.  
11 REPORT REALLY CONFIRMS WHAT WE'VE BEEN SAYING FOR DECADES  
12 CONCERNING INADEQUATE TRAINING, CHRONIC UNDERSTAFFING, AND  
13 LACK OF CONSISTENT POLICIES AND REPORTING STANDARDS. AND WHILE  
14 WE'VE BEEN SAYING IT FOR YEARS, YOUR PROBATION COMMISSION JUST  
15 IN OCTOBER DID AN INDEPENDENT REVIEW AND IDENTIFIED THESE SAME  
16 ISSUES OF TRAINING, STAFFING, AND POLICIES AND PROTOCOLS. AND  
17 NOW THE INSPECTOR GENERAL HAS DONE THEIR INDEPENDENT REVIEW  
18 AND ALSO HAVE IDENTIFIED THESE PARTICULAR DEFICIENCIES IN  
19 TRAINING, STAFFING, AS WELL AS POLICY AND PROCEDURES. WE'VE  
20 SAID IT. YOUR PROBATION COMMISSION HAS SAID IT. THE PRESS HAS  
21 SAID IT. AND NOW THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL HAS SAID IT,  
22 AS WELL. THERE'S NO ONE LEFT. THE PROBLEM IS SQUARELY HERE FOR  
23 THE BOARD TO MANAGE. LOCAL 685 IS TOGETHER WITH OUR BROTHERS  
24 AND SISTERS FROM S.E.I.U. AND THE PROBATION MANAGERS. AND  
25 WE'RE UNITED IN OUR COMMITMENT TO WORKING WITH YOU TO RESTORE

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1 THE REPUTATION OF THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. AND WE ARE THREE  
2 UNIONS, ONE DEPARTMENT, ONE VOICE. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

5

6 **JIM SHENGARTH:** GOOD MORNING. HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.  
7 MY NAME IS JIM SHENGARTH. AND I AM PRESIDENT OF THE  
8 ASSOCIATION OF PROBATION SUPERVISORS. THE PROBLEMS IDENTIFIED  
9 IN THE REPORT ARE NOT NEW. WE HAVE SHARED THESE ISSUES,  
10 INADEQUATE TRAINING, LOW STAFFING, LACK OF CONSISTENT  
11 POLICIES, WITH EVERY CHIEF BEFORE MCDONALD. AND NO ACTION HAS  
12 BEEN TAKEN. WE HAVE SHARED THESE CONCERNS WITH THE BOARD THAT  
13 PRE-DATES YOU AND WITH PRIOR C.E.O.S. YET NO ACTION HAS BEEN  
14 TAKEN. WE HAVE SHARED THESE CONCERNS WITH YOUR BOARD AND WITH  
15 C.E.O. HAMAI, YET NO ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN. AND WE HAVE SHARED  
16 THESE CONCERNS WITH CHIEF MCDONALD DIRECTLY, FIRST ATTEMPTING  
17 TO MEET WITH HER DIRECTLY TO FORGE A PATH FORWARD, AND LATER  
18 WITH HER NEGOTIATORS, BUT NO ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN. MEANWHILE,  
19 THERE ARE RIOTS IN MCDONALD'S PROBATION FACILITIES. THERE ARE  
20 ASSAULTS ON STAFF UNDER MCDONALD'S WATCH. JUST THIS THE PAST  
21 WEEKEND, A D.S.O., SIX MONTHS PREGNANT, WAS KICKED IN THE  
22 STOMACH. ANOTHER, HIS EAR WAS BITTEN, AND HE BLED PROFUSELY.  
23 CHILDREN ARE ACTING OUT VIOLENTLY, AND STAFF ARE FALLING  
24 VICTIMIZED BY LACK OF ACTION BY THE CHIEF. THERE ARE CHIEF  
25 MCDONALD'S PROBLEMS -- THESE ARE CHIEF MCDONALD'S PROBLEMS

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1 NOW, AND SHE REPORTS TO YOU. IT IS UP TO YOU TO TAKE ACTION.

2 WE ARE HERE TODAY TO REMIND YOU THAT WE ARE UNITED FOR THE

3 FUTURE OF OUR DEPARTMENT AND FOR CAREERS OF OUR MEMBERS. THREE

4 UNIONS, ONE DEPARTMENT, ONE VOICE.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

7

8 **DEBRA LARS:** GOOD EVENING -- I'M SORRY. GOOD AFTERNOON,

9 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DEBRA LARS. I'M THE PRESIDENT OF THE

10 PROFESSIONAL MANAGERS ASSOCIATION FOR L.A. COUNTY PROBATION.

11 AS PROBATION MANAGERS, WE'VE BEEN INCREDIBLY FRUSTRATED BY THE

12 LACK OF CONSISTENT USE OF FORCE AND OTHER POLICIES. WE NEED

13 SUFFICIENT STAFFING SO WE CAN MANAGE THOSE STAFFING SO THOSE

14 WE MANAGE CAN DO THEIR JOB AND DO IT SAFELY. WE NEED STAFF TO

15 BE PROPERLY TRAINED IN DEESCALATION TACTICS. WE NEED A CLEAR

16 SET OF PROTOCOLS AND EXPECTATIONS. AND WE NEED CONSISTENCY AND

17 CLARITY FROM EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT. CHIEF MCDONALD DIDN'T START

18 THIS PROBLEM, BUT SHE SURE HASN'T RESOLVED IT. SO AS MY

19 BROTHERS IN A.S.M.E. AND S.E.I.U. STATED, THIS IS NOW HER

20 PROBLEM. ARE YOU READY TO ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES AND WORK WITH

21 US TO RESTORE THE PUBLIC'S CONFIDENCE IN THE LOS ANGELES

22 COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT? I'VE PUT IN 34 YEARS OF MY LIFE

23 INTO THIS DEPARTMENT. AND I'M NEAR THE END OF MY CAREER. BUT I

24 AM NOT READY TO THROW IN THE TOWEL AND GIVE UP ON THE

25 DEPARTMENT. THIS IS THE BEST DEPARTMENT IN THE WORLD. AND IT'S

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1 WORTH ALL THE HARD WORK THAT IT'S GOING TO REQUIRE. SO LET'S  
2 DO IT. YOU HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE PROFESSIONAL MANAGERS  
3 ASSOCIATION, THE SUPERVISORS, AND THE RANK AND FILE WORKERS.  
4 WE ARE HERE. THREE UNIONS, ONE DEPARTMENT, ONE VOICE. WE'RE  
5 PAST THAT TIME. AND WE NEED TO GET STARTED.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

8

9 **KIM MCGILL:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, KIM MCGILL FROM THE  
10 YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. WE'RE ALSO HERE AS PART OF A LARGER  
11 COALITION PUSHING FOR PROBATION CHANGE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.  
12 WE SUBMITTED A LETTER TO YOU FROM THAT COALITION. WE URGE YOU  
13 PROMOTE TRANSPARENCY IN THE USE OF PEPPER SPRAY, IN PARTICULAR  
14 THE USE OF CHEMICAL AGENTS IN THE JUVENILE HALLS AND CAMPS AND  
15 RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ENACT AN ORDINANCE  
16 BANNING THE USE OF CHEMICAL AGENTS THROUGHOUT OUR SYSTEM. AS  
17 ONE YOUNG PERSON SAID, IT WAS HORRIBLE, FRIGHTENING AND VERY  
18 TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCE. GROWING UP I HAD ASTHMA. AND EVERY TIME  
19 I WAS SPRAYED, I WOULD HAVE PANIC ATTACKS. I COULDN'T BREATHE.  
20 ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, I FELT LIKE I WAS GOING TO DIE. CHEMICAL  
21 AGENTS, THERE'S FEW STUDIES ON ITS IMPACT ON YOUNG PEOPLE  
22 BECAUSE IT'S RARELY USED EXCEPT IN L.A. AS WE'VE HEARD. BUT  
23 CHEMICAL AGENTS WHEN THEY'VE BEEN STUDIED IN TERMS OF THE LONG  
24 AND SHORT-TERM EFFECTS ON ADULTS, INCLUDE INTENSE PAIN,  
25 SWELLING, AND BLISTERING OF THE SKIN, WHEEZING, AN INABILITY



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1 TO BREATHE OR SPEAK, AND RESPIRATORY ARREST, ACUTE  
2 HYPERTENSION, WHICH MAY LEAD TO AN INCREASED RISK OF STROKE OR  
3 HEART ATTACK, THE DETERIORATION OF NERVE TISSUE, AND PERMANENT  
4 CORNEAL DAMAGE. AND MOST POTENTIAL FOR DEATH, INCLUDING  
5 ASPHYXIATION, WHEN USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH PHYSICAL OR  
6 MECHANICAL RESTRAINT AS OFTEN HAPPENS WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT.  
7 MORE THAN 15 YEARS AGO IN 2003 THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF  
8 JUSTICE DETERMINED THAT THE USE OF CHEMICAL AGENTS LIKE O.C.  
9 SPRAY BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION LIKELY  
10 VIOLATED U.S. CONSTITUTION. WITH CRIME RATES DOWN, OUR  
11 POPULATION DOWN BETWEEN 50 AND 80 PERCENT IN OUR JUVENILE  
12 HALLS AND CAMPS, AND AN INCREASE IN PROBATION'S BUDGET FROM  
13 500 MILLION IN 2007 TO NEARLY 1 BILLION TODAY -- I'LL JUST  
14 FINISH THIS LAST SENTENCE. IF STAFF FEELS OVERPOWERED AND  
15 OUTNUMBERED BY YOUTH, IT'S DEFINITELY TIME TO REMOVE YOUNG  
16 PEOPLE FROM PROBATION AND TRANSFER THEM INTO A YOUTH  
17 DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENTS.

18  
19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

20  
21 **JACOB JACKSON:** HOW ARE YOU ALL DOING? JACOB WITH YOUTH JUSTICE  
22 COALITION. I'M WITH MISS KIMMY. I'M PIGGYBACKING OFF OF  
23 EVERYTHING SHE SAID, BUT MY SCHOOL DOESN'T USE PEPPER SPRAY OR  
24 NO TYPE OF VIOLENCE TO RESOLVE ANY CONFLICTS. WE HAVE A A  
25 SYSTEM WHICH IS CALLED TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE WHICH INSTEAD OF

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1 USING TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT, WE HAVE PEACE BUILDERS THAT HAVE  
2 TAKEN OVER 1,000 COURSES ON HOW TO DEESCALATE A SITUATION. IF  
3 SOMETHING WAS TO START UP OR ANYTHING WOULD START UP, OUR  
4 PEACE BUILDER WOULD PULL THEM APART, AND BOTH OF THEM THEY  
5 WOULD HAVE TO HAVE A CIRCLE WITH THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS AND NO  
6 VIOLENCE. YOU FEEL ME? AND THEY HAVE TO MAKE AMENDS OR AT THE  
7 VERY LEAST BECOME ASSOCIATES. ALSO WANTED TO SAY WE ARE NOT  
8 BIGGER NEITHER BADDER. OUR PRIDE AND WHAT WE STAND FOR AND  
9 WHAT WE BECAME FOR IS BIGGER. AND THE COMMENTS YOU MADE BY THE  
10 PROSPECTIVE, THE COMMENTS YOU MADE ONLY MADE THE PERSPECTIVE  
11 OF US BIGGER AND BADDER. END THE USE OF PEPPER SPRAY MAKES US  
12 WAY MORE BETTER. ANYWAY, I'M NOT FOR THAT.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER,  
15 PLEASE.

16

17 **LUPITA CABALLO:** MY NAME IS LUPITA WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE  
18 COALITION. PEPPER SPRAY IS NOT A REHABILITATION ACTION. A  
19 REHABILITATION ACTION TO AN ALTERNATIVE TO PEPPER SPRAY CAN  
20 HAVE PEACE BUILDERS. AND A PEACE BUILDER IS JUST A ROLE.  
21 ANYBODY CAN BE A PEACE BUILDER. ANYBODY THAT'S WILLING TO  
22 COMMUNICATE WITH THE YOUTH TO GET A CONTACT, PHYSICAL CONTACT  
23 WITH THE YOUTH, IS AN ALTERNATIVE. I WENT TO TWO DIFFERENT  
24 SCHOOLS. I WENT TO A SCHOOL THAT WAS OVERPOLICED. FIGHTS WERE  
25 GOING ON ALL THE TIME. NEVER HAVE THEY EVER USED PEPPER SPRAY.

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1 I WENT TO THIS OTHER SCHOOL THAT WAS NOT OVERPOLICED. WE  
2 ACTUALLY DID NOT EVEN HAVE A SECURITY GUARD. AND WE DIDN'T  
3 EVEN -- WE WOULD HAVE FIGHTS, BUT THE WAY HOW THEY RESOLVED  
4 THESE FIGHTS WERE BY HAVING TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE. AND I  
5 THINK THAT'S THE NEW KEY INTO THIS WHOLE SYSTEM. WE NEED TO  
6 STOP TEACHING YOUTH THE INCARCERATION FORM AND REALLY SHOW  
7 THEM REHABILITATION. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND WE'RE JUST GOING TO REMIND  
10 THE AUDIENCE, WE'RE TRYING NOT TO ALLOW CLAPPING. SO IF YOU  
11 AGREE WITH WHAT THE SPEAKER HAS SAID, JUST RAISE YOUR HANDS TO  
12 THE ROOF. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

13

14 **DAISY GONZALEZ:** MY NAME IS DAISY, AND I'M WITH YOUTH JUSTICE  
15 COALITION. AND I'M IN SUPPORT OF THE ELIMINATION OF O.C. SPRAY  
16 BECAUSE CHILDREN'S LIVES MATTER. CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE.  
17 OFFICERS USE O.C. SPRAY TO TORMENT THE YOUTH THAT IS IN THEIR  
18 CARE. I HEARD PLENTY OF TESTIMONIES FROM PEOPLE WHO HAVE SAID  
19 AT TIMES OFFICERS HAVE SPRAYED THEIR FOOD OR HAVE SPRAYED THE  
20 VENTS WHICH MADE IT A HARD TIME TO EAT AND A HARD TIME TO  
21 BREATHE. ALSO WHEN THEY THEMSELVES WERE SPRAYED WITH THE  
22 HARMFUL SUBSTANCE, INSTEAD OF BEING GIVEN PROPER MATERIALS TO  
23 CLEAN THEMSELVES OFF, THEY WERE GIVEN WATER, WHICH IS KNOWN TO  
24 WORSEN THE BURNING. THESE ARE CHILDREN WHO ARE BEING TREATED  
25 LIKE ANIMALS. THEY'RE OUR KIDS WHO ALREADY HAVE MEDICAL

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1 CONDITIONS LIKE ASTHMA WHO CAN DIE FROM BEING SPRAYED DUE TO  
2 THE SWELLING OF THEIR THROAT AND DIFFICULTY BREATHING. O.C.  
3 SPRAY HAS LED TO A NUMBER OF DEATHS IN JAILS AND PRISONS. IN  
4 OTHER WORDS, THIS IS ANOTHER WAY TO GIVE AUTHORITIES A REASON  
5 TO KILL THE YOUTH MENTALLY, EMOTIONALLY, SPIRITUALLY, AND  
6 POSSIBLY PHYSICALLY. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT  
9 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

10

11 **PHAL SOK:** GOOD AFTERNOON, PHAL SOK WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE  
12 COALITION. I HATE THE IDEA OF O.C. SPRAY BEING SPRAYED. I KNOW  
13 WHAT IT'S LIKE. IT REALLY, REALLY SUCKS. I COULD TELL YOU  
14 SOMETHING THAT WORKS BETTER THAN WATER, SAND BECAUSE IT'S  
15 LOADED WITH OIL. THE SAND WORKS BECAUSE IT ABSORBS THE OIL OUT  
16 OF YOUR SKIN. I'VE HAD TO REACH FOR SAND THROUGH A FENCE JUST  
17 TO GET BITS AND PIECES OF DIRT JUST TO TAKE SOME OF THE SPRAY  
18 AWAY BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT IT DOES. IT LINGERS. IT STICKS. IT  
19 DRIPS. IT DOESN'T LEAVE YOU ALONE. IT KEEPS YOU UP. CHOKES YOU  
20 OUT WITHOUT BEING CHOKED PHYSICALLY. IT DOES OTHER THINGS TO  
21 PEOPLE. AND THESE ARE THINGS THAT HAPPENED TO ME AS AN ADULT,  
22 NOT AS A YOUNG PERSON. AND SO I'M REMINDED OF THE FIRST TIME I  
23 SAW PEPPER SPRAY USED IN THE HALLS. I WAS JUST A KID. I WAS  
24 JUST A KID. AND IT WAS JUST ANOTHER YOUNG PERSON NEXT TO ME IN  
25 A CLASSROOM THAT WAS JUST ACTING OUT WASN'T HURTING NOBODY OR

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1 NOTHING, AND THEN CAME THE SPRAY. THOSE ARE UNFORTUNATE  
2 THINGS. THE PROBLEM IS NOT WITH TRAINING BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT  
3 THE TRAINING TEACHES THEM TO DO. THE PROBLEM IS WITH THE  
4 PEOPLE. YOU HEAR STAFF COMPLAINING THAT THEY'RE GETTING  
5 ASSAULTED. IN ALL MY TIME INCARCERATED, OVER 15, 16 YEARS'  
6 WORTH, MOST STAFF NEVER GOT ASSAULTED FOR NO REASON BY  
7 ANYBODY. THERE WAS ALWAYS A CAUSE FOR THAT. IF THEY'RE GETTING  
8 BEATEN UP, THEN THEY SHOULD FIGURE OUT WHY THEY'RE GETTING  
9 BEAT UP. SAD TO SAY, BUT THAT'S JUST THE HONEST TRUTH. SO WE  
10 NEED TO THINK ABOUT THE STAFFING.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

13

14 **KENT MENDOZA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR  
15 HAVING ME HERE TODAY. MY NAME IS KENT. AND I'M WITH THE ANTI-  
16 RECIDIVISM COALITION. AND I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON THIS ISSUE  
17 BECAUSE IT'S AN IMPORTANT ISSUE TO ME. I BELIEVE THAT WE  
18 SHOULDN'T BE USING A PEPPER SPRAY THAT IS MEANT TO BE USED FOR  
19 DOGS ON CHILDREN. THESE ARE KIDS. I BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULDN'T  
20 EVEN BE INCARCERATING KIDS THAT ARE 18 AND UNDER. BUT AS  
21 SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN PEPPER SPRAYED MYSELF, I KNOW HOW  
22 TRAUMATIC IT CAN BE PHYSICALLY AND EMOTIONALLY AND  
23 PSYCHOLOGICALLY. WHEN YOU -- I ALWAYS LIKE TO COMPARE SOLITARY  
24 CONFINEMENT AS THE SAME AS DEHUMANIZING AS PEPPER SPRAY IS,  
25 YOU KNOW. I JUST DON'T KNOW -- I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW WE ARE

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1 ONE OF THE SIX COUNTIES THAT ARE STILL DOING THIS. AND MANY  
2 OTHER CITIES DON'T EVEN DO THAT. AND WE HAVE ONE OF THE  
3 LARGEST POPULATION. AND I REALLY DO BELIEVE WE COULD LIKE BE  
4 THE LEADING EXAMPLE OF THE NATION WHEN IT COMES TO WHAT YOUTH  
5 DIVERSION LOOKS LIKE. WE HAVE A DEPARTMENT WE COULD START  
6 USING. AND I FEEL WE NEED TO START TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THAT.  
7 YOU KNOW PEPPER SPRAY IS DEHUMANIZING. THERE'S NOTHING TO  
8 PROVE WHETHER IT'S DEHUMANIZING OR NOT. IT'S DEHUMANIZING  
9 BECAUSE IT'S A TOOL THAT TELLS KIDS EVERY TIME YOU PEPPER  
10 SPRAYING A 15-YEAR-OLD, 16-YEAR-OLD KID, YOU'RE TELLING THAT  
11 KID WHEN YOU PEPPER SPRAY HIM IS THAT YOU BELONG IN HERE. AND  
12 THEN YOU ARE PREPARING HIM FOR PRISON. THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE  
13 DOING WHEN YOU'RE PEPPER SPRAYING THESE KIDS. YOU'RE  
14 TRAUMATIZING -- THEY'RE ALREADY ENDURING TRAUMA. AND WE'RE  
15 MAKING IT WORSE.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER,  
18 PLEASE.

19

20 **JOE MAIZLISH:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS AND THE OTHER  
21 SPEAKERS. MY NAME'S JOE MAIZLISH, A MARRIAGE AND FAMILY  
22 THERAPIST WITH A SPECIALTY IN TRAUMA AND TREATMENT AND SOME  
23 EXPERIENCES AS A VOLUNTEER THERAPIST WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF  
24 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES IN THE '90S. ACTUALLY I HAVE SOME  
25 OTHER ITEMS I'D LIKE TO BE DISTRIBUTED. I MAY NOT HAVE TIME TO

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1 BE ABLE TO REMAIN FOR THE REST OF THE, TO REACH MY ITEMS  
2 TODAY. AS I LISTENED TO THE PUBLIC DEFENDER TALK ABOUT  
3 BUILDING RAPPORT AND TO SUPERVISOR BARGER REAFFIRMING THE  
4 HELPFULNESS OF TRAINING, I'D LIKE TO ENRICH THE MEANING OF THE  
5 WORD TRAINING. PSYCHOLOGIST IRWIN HYMAN AND WORKED FOR 30  
6 YEARS AND MORE IN THE SUBJECT, WORKED WITH MANY PARENTS WHO  
7 WERE ON THE EDGE OF BEING ABUSIVE TOWARDS THEIR CHILDREN. AND  
8 WHAT HE FOUND IS SOMETHING THAT MIGHT GO IN WITH THE MIX AND  
9 MAYBE ENRICH THE MEANING OF TRAINING AND ITS USEFULNESS. HE  
10 FOUND THAT THOSE PARENTS WHO WERE STARTING TO BE ABUSIVE, ONCE  
11 HE COULD HELP THEM RECALL SOME OF THEIR FEELINGS AND THEIR  
12 DIFFICULT EXPERIENCES THAT THEY HAD HAD AS CHILDREN, THAT  
13 ENABLED THEM TO EMPATHIZE WITH THEMSELVES AND THEREFORE  
14 EMPATHIZE MORE WITH THE CHILDREN AND DO THAT RAPPORT BUILDING  
15 THAT THE PUBLIC DEFENDER SPOKE ABOUT. AND IF WE CAN STRETCH  
16 OUT THE WORD OF TRAINING TO INCLUDE HELPING THE PEOPLE, THE  
17 STAFFERS, OF COURSE THIS IS IN ADDITION TO THE STAFFING AND  
18 ALL THE OTHER THINGS THAT ARE MENTIONED, BUT I THINK THAT WILL  
19 MAKE IT MUCH GO MUCH BETTER.

20  
21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

22  
23 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** GEORGE BUZZETTI. YOU SHOULD REALLY LISTEN TO  
24 THESE LAST THREE PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY THE YOUTH. I ASKED THAT  
25 ONE YOUNG MAN, PLEASE BRING MORE IN BECAUSE YOU'RE ONE OF THE



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1 FEW PEOPLE. YOU NEED TO HEAR FROM PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN IN  
2 THERE LIKE ME. AND THIS INJUNCTION IS FINISHING YOU OFF. ALL  
3 OF YOU ARE GOING TO BE LUCKY IF YOU DON'T GO TO JAIL INCLUDING  
4 YOU, DUDE, FOR ILLEGALLY ARRESTING ME. YOU HAVE NO BUSINESS  
5 HAVING A WISE ASS THING THAT YOU CAN'T BE TOUCHED.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** MAKE SURE YOU'RE STAYING ON TOPIC. WE'RE ON  
8 AN ITEM.

9

10 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** I'M ON A TOPIC, AND YOU STAY ON THE TOPIC.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** LORD KNOWS, I TRY.

13

14 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** NONE OF YOU ARE ON THE TOPIC BECAUSE YOU HAVE  
15 BEEN ALLOWING THIS CRIMINAL ACTION TO GO ON. YOU'RE THE  
16 CRIMINALS. YOU BREAK THE RULES HERE. I GAVE YOU PUBLIC  
17 SPEAKING IN 2012, YOU FOOLS. AND YOU'RE DESTROYING OUR YOUTH  
18 ON PURPOSE. I WORKED WITH B.A.C.A. FOR EIGHT YEARS. AND THEY  
19 SAY I'M AN EXPERT. I'M BEHIND 25 BILLS, YOU DUMB PEOPLE. I'M  
20 THE ONLY LIVING PERSON THAT EVER ELIMINATED A MAJOR POLICE  
21 DEPARTMENT, THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY. AND YOU WANT TO  
22 TREAT ME THE WAY YOU DO AND THOSE YOUTH? WELL YOU RAN INTO THE  
23 WRONG PLACE, YOU STUPID CORRUPT PEOPLE. MARY THE WICKED  
24 WICKHAM, NOW THE FEDS ARE IN ON YOU. HOW DO YOU THINK THEY GOT  
25 HERE ORIGINALLY? 5,000 FILES FROM ME IS PART OF IT. AND I

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1 HAVEN'T EVEN STARTED TO DUMP ON THEM YET. SO YOU PEOPLE,  
2 INCLUDING YOU, OFFICERS, CAN TAKE YOUR STUPID CORRUPT  
3 ATTITUDES AND GO TO HELL BECAUSE WE'RE HERE TO SAVE OUR YOUTH.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ARE  
6 THERE ANYMORE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT WANT TO SPEAK ON  
7 THIS?

8

9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** NO OTHER ITEMS, MADAM CHAIR.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, COLLEAGUES, ITEM S-1 IS BEFORE US. AND  
12 THE MOTION IS TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE REPORT AND APPROVE  
13 DIRECTIVE NUMBER 1 OF THE MOTION AS SUBMITTED BY SUPERVISOR  
14 RIDLEY-THOMAS AND PLACE THE REMAINING DIRECTIVES FOR  
15 CONSIDERATION ON OUR FEBRUARY 19TH, 2019, MEETING AGENDA. SO  
16 IT'S MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. IT'S SECONDED BY  
17 SUPERVISOR SOLIS. AND IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO A  
18 UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. NOW WE'RE ON ITEM 7,  
23 CONTRACT CITY SERVICES AND BILLING PRACTICES. SUPERVISOR  
24 BARGER, I BELIEVE YOU HELD THIS. WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE SOME  
25 OPENING REMARKS?

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2     **SUP. BARGER:** YEAH, I'LL MAKE THIS SHORT BECAUSE I KNOW WE'VE  
3     GOT INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE COME DOWN HERE TO TESTIFY FROM OUR  
4     CITIES. BUT I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR BEING A PART  
5     OF THIS MOTION. I KNOW THAT I'VE BEEN HEARING THE CONCERN FROM  
6     MY CITIES ON THE ISSUE OF RATE INCREASES. AND THIS MOTION  
7     REALLY IS IN DIRECT RESPONSE TO THOSE CONCERNS. WE NEED TO  
8     TAKE AN OPPORTUNITY TO EVALUATE OUR LEVELS OF SERVICE AND  
9     ENSURE OUR CUSTOMERS THAT WE ARE OPERATING IN THE MOST COST  
10    EFFICIENT MANNER. THROUGH THIS MOTION, WE WILL NOT ONLY BE  
11    AUDITING COSTS AND SERVICES, BUT WE WILL ALSO BE SUSPENDING  
12    THE RATE INCREASES UNTIL WE ARE ABLE TO REVIEW THE FINAL AUDIT  
13    REPORT. I WANT TO THANK OUR CONTRACT CITIES FOR ENGAGING THE  
14    BOARD ON THIS ISSUE. AND WE WILL BE WORKING TOGETHER TO  
15    PROVIDE EFFICIENT ALTERNATIVES. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO COMING  
16    TO A RESOLUTION ON THIS VERY SOON. I KNOW THAT THE COMMENTS  
17    HAVE BEEN MADE THAT THERE'S SOME CITIES THAT HAVE EVEN THOUGHT  
18    ABOUT PULLING THE CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY. AND THIS IS A  
19    COUNTY THAT HAS MET COUNTY COST, AND IT IS COST RECOVERY. AND  
20    IT COULD BE TO THE DETRIMENT OF THIS DEPARTMENT. SO WHILE THE  
21    THOUGHT TO INCREASE THE FEES IS SOMETHING THAT IS BEING ARGUED  
22    AS A WAY TO CLOSE THE GAP, IT'S PENNY WISE, POUND FOOLISH AS  
23    IT RELATES TO THE CITIES THAT WE ARE DEPENDENT UPON FOR THE  
24    SERVICES THAT WE PROVIDE. SO AGAIN I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR  
25    SOLIS FOR CO-AUTHORING THIS WITH ME. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO

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1 HEAR FROM OUR CITIES AND WORK TOGETHER AS IT RELATES TO THIS  
2 ISSUE. SO THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER. SUPERVISOR  
5 SOLIS.

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, ALSO, SUPERVISOR BARGER, FOR  
8 ALLOWING ME TO CO-AUTHOR THIS. THIS IS A REALLY CRITICAL ISSUE  
9 FOR OUR INDEPENDENT CITIES IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. WE'VE  
10 BEEN TRACKING THIS NOW FOR OVER TWO YEARS. ACTUALLY BACK IN  
11 2014, THE DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN UPDATING MY OFFICE ON THEIR  
12 FINDINGS AND THEIR PLAN. AND WE WERE TOLD AT THE SAME TIME  
13 THAT THEY WERE OUTREACHING TO OUR CITIES VIA MAIL TO INFORM  
14 THEM ABOUT THE UPCOMING CHANGES. AND LAST YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT  
15 HAD HELD SEVERAL MEETINGS UPON OUR REQUEST BECAUSE WE KNOW WE  
16 NEEDED TO MEET FACE-TO-FACE WITH OUR CITIES. AND I'M GLAD THAT  
17 WE WERE ABLE DO THAT. BUT CERTAINLY MORE HAS TO HAPPEN.  
18 CLEARLY, THE BURDEN FOR OUR CITIES AND THE DEPARTMENT IS ONE  
19 THAT WE HAVE TO WEIGH. BUT I'M VERY, VERY CONCERNED ALSO THAT  
20 WE NOT SOMEHOW PUNISH SOME OF OUR OTHER LOCAL COMMUNITIES LIKE  
21 THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS THAT HAVE TO BEAR THIS BURDEN BECAUSE  
22 CURRENTLY THEY'RE THE ONES, FOR EXAMPLE EAST LOS ANGELES, THAT  
23 ARE HAVING TO CARRY THIS. IT'S NOT FAIR TO THEM. IT'S NOT FAIR  
24 TO OUR CITIES. WE NEED TO DO A BETTER EXPLANATION OF HOW FUNDS  
25 ARE BEING USED AND MAKING CLEAR THAT WE ARE GOING TO DO

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1   WHATEVER WE CAN TO BE EFFICIENT, ACCOUNTABLE, TRANSPARENT, AND  
2   MAKE SURE THAT WE WORK WITH OUR CITIES AT HAND. SO I'M VERY,  
3   VERY INTERESTED IN GETTING THE REPORT BACK. AND WE'LL HOPE  
4   THAT WE CAN CONVINCE OUR CITIES AND OUR DEPARTMENT TO WORK  
5   WITH US CLOSELY. SO IT'S ABOUT FAIRNESS, MADAM CHAIR. THANK  
6   YOU.

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8   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU BOTH FOR BRINGING THIS  
9   FORWARD. I KNOW I'VE HEARD FROM SOME OF MY CITIES ABOUT THIS  
10   ISSUE. AND THEY'RE CONCERNED. YOU KNOW, SOME OF MY  
11   COMMUNITIES, ARTESIA AND WHITTIER I'VE HEARD FROM, THEIR RATES  
12   WOULD DOUBLE IF THIS NEW BILLING SYSTEM WENT INTO EFFECT.  
13   HOWEVER, THERE IS, AS YOU BRING UP, IT'S A REAL ISSUE OF  
14   FAIRNESS. AND AT SOME POINT, WE'VE BEEN SUBSIDIZING SOME OF  
15   OUR CONTRACT CITIES IN TERMS OF THE SERVICES THAT HAVE BEEN  
16   PROVIDED VERSUS WHAT WE'RE ACTUALLY GETTING. SO IT'S A MATTER  
17   OF REALLY COMMUNICATING WITH ALL OF OUR CONTRACT CITIES. THEY  
18   ARE WHO WE ARE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND THIS IS AN  
19   OPPORTUNITY, I THINK, TO BRING EVERYBODY TO THE TABLE. BUT I  
20   DO AGREE WITH MISS MAYEDA THAT SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE DONE SO  
21   THAT OUR DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL HAS THE FUNDING  
22   NECESSARY. AND AS YOU BROUGHT UP, OUR UNINCORPORATED AREAS  
23   REALLY SOMETIMES ARE BEARING THE BURDEN OF THIS. SO THIS IS AN  
24   IMPORTANT ISSUE. AND I'M GLAD WE'RE TACKLING IT. AND I LOOK

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1 FORWARD TO THE REPORT COMING BACK. DO WE HAVE MEMBERS OF THE  
2 PUBLIC THAT WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THIS YOU?

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE FOLLOWING  
5 INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME? JORGE  
6 MORALES, STEVE HOFBAUER, RENE TREVINO, LEE DERRICO, DAVID  
7 VELA, JESSICA SLAWSON, SHANNON DELONG, MICHAEL MURPHY, PAUL  
8 PHILIPS, MATTHEW RAMOS, ARIAN LITTA, LARRY BRECEDA, JOSH  
9 SWISHER. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. 90 SECONDS. WELCOME.

12

13 **JORGE MORALES:** HI. MY NAME IS JORGE MORALES. I'M THE PRESIDENT  
14 OF THE CALIFORNIA CONTRACT CITIES ASSOCIATION. I'M HERE ON  
15 BEHALF OF OUR MEMBERSHIP AND ALSO OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,  
16 MARCEL RODARTE, WHO MANY OF YOU KNOW. HE WAS IN A CAR ACCIDENT  
17 YESTERDAY, SO HE WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT HIS DAUGHTER WAS  
18 DOING WELL. SO HE'S NOT HERE TODAY. CALIFORNIA CONTRACT  
19 CITIES, WE REPRESENT 76 CITIES IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, ABOUT  
20 67 OF WHICH ARE IN L.A. COUNTY. WE'RE REALLY EXCITED ABOUT  
21 THIS MOTION. WE'RE VERY GRATEFUL TO THE SUPERVISORS. WE HOPE  
22 ALL SUPERVISORS CAN VOTE AYE ON THIS. IF THERE'S ANYTHING THAT  
23 THE CALIFORNIA CONTRACT CITIES CAN DO TO PARTNER WITH THE  
24 COUNTY AND FIGURE THESE THINGS OUT, WE'D BE HAPPY TO DO THAT.  
25 WITH THAT, WE HAD A NUMBER OF MEMBERS THAT WERE HERE IN

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1 SUPPORT. UNFORTUNATELY, SOME HAD TO LEAVE. BUT KNOW THAT THE  
2 76 CITIES THAT WE REPRESENT ARE IN FULL FORCE AND SUPPORT OF  
3 THIS MOTION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, JORGE. WE'LL COUNT ON YOU TO HELP  
6 US SOLVE SOME OF THESE PROBLEMS. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

7

8 **STEVE HOFBAUER:** SUPERVISORS, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. STEVE  
9 HOFBAUER, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PALMDALE. YOU KNOW, WE VALUE  
10 OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. BUT AT THE  
11 SAME TIME, THE CITY STRUGGLES WITH OUR BUDGETS EVERY YEAR. THE  
12 PROPOSAL THAT WE LOOKED AT WILL BASICALLY TRIPLE OUR RATES.  
13 THAT'S NOT FACTORED INTO OUR BUDGET. EFFICIENCIES ARE GOING TO  
14 BE CRITICAL IN THIS PROCESS BECAUSE, QUITE FRANKLY, A NUMBER  
15 OF US ARE LOOKING AT OTHER PARTNERSHIPS WITH RESCUES, HUMANE  
16 SOCIETIES. WE THINK THAT THE MODEL THAT THE COUNTY CURRENTLY  
17 HAS AND WITH THE ANIMAL CONTROL IS AN EXCELLENT PARTNERSHIP.  
18 IT'S AN EXCELLENT MODEL. AS YOU DO, WE FEATURE A CRITTER AT  
19 EACH OF OUR MEETINGS TO TRY TO ENCOURAGE SOME ADDITIONAL  
20 ADOPTIONS. BUT WE'VE REALLY -- WE'VE GOT A LOT OF OUR  
21 CONSTITUENTS CONCERNED ABOUT THIS ISSUE AND OUR BUDGET ISSUES.  
22 AND I WOULD JUST REALLY ENCOURAGE THE SUPERVISOR'S MOTION  
23 HERE. WE'RE VERY EXCITED ABOUT THE FACT THAT YOU'RE LOOKING AT  
24 THIS. AND ANYTHING THAT WE CAN DO, AS CONTRACT CITIES, WE  
25 WOULD LIKE TO PARTNER WITH YOU ON THAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.



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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

3

4 **RENE TREVINO:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS RENE TREVINO. I'M A  
5 CITY COUNCIL MEMBER FOR THE CITY OF ARTESIA. I WANTED TO THANK  
6 SUPERVISORS BARGER AND SOLIS FOR THIS, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON  
7 THIS MOTION. I'M HERE TO SUPPORT ITEM 7. THE CITY OF ARTESIA  
8 IS A SMALL COMMUNITY. WE'RE LESS THAN ABOUT 1.7 MILES WIDE. WE  
9 HAVE ABOUT A 9 MILLION-DOLLAR BUDGET. AND WE ALLOCATED \$51,000  
10 A YEAR TOWARD THIS ISSUE. TO HAVE THE RATES LITERALLY TRIPLED  
11 AND QUADRUPLD IN OUR AREA WOULD BE VERY DETRIMENTAL TO THE  
12 SERVICES THAT WE PROVIDE OUR RESIDENTS AND OUR CONSTITUENTS.  
13 SO I'M ASKING YOU TO SUPPORT ITEM 7. THE CITY OF ARTESIA BACKS  
14 IT. WE ARE A PROUD MEMBER OF CONTRACT CITIES. AND WE THANK YOU  
15 FOR YOUR SUPPORT. AND WE ASK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF ITEM 7.  
16 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

19

20 **LEE DERRICO:** GOOD AFTERNOON, DISTINGUISHED SUPERVISORS. MY  
21 NAME IS LEE DERRICO. I'M THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY IN THE  
22 CITY OF LANCASTER. JUST A COMMENT. I DON'T KNOW WHAT HOUSING  
23 COSTS MIGHT BE FOR A DRAGON, BUT THAT WAS QUITE ENTERTAINING  
24 EARLIER. WE'LL HAVE TO STEP IT UP IN OUR COUNCIL MEETINGS.

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1    **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** RIGHT.

2

3    **LEE DERRICO:** I'M ALSO HERE IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 7. THANK YOU,  
4    SUPERVISOR BARGER AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF  
5    THIS. JUST FOR A 10-YEAR HISTORY OF WORKING WITH THE ANIMAL  
6    CONTROL, OUR RELATIONSHIP IS MUCH IMPROVED OVER THE LAST  
7    SEVERAL YEARS AS IT HAD BEEN PRIOR. BUT AT THE SAME TIME,  
8    WE'VE HAD SOME SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN COSTS. FIVE YEARS AGO,  
9    WE WERE AT A CONTRACT RATE OF ABOUT \$440,000 PER YEAR. WE'RE  
10   ON COURSE THIS YEAR TO BE ABOUT \$1.3 MILLION IN COSTS WITH THE  
11   MAJORITY OF THAT BEING RELATED TO HOUSING COSTS FOR ANIMALS,  
12   WHICH HAS GONE FROM \$18 TO \$44 PER ANIMAL. JUST ONE MONTH  
13   ALONE, WE HAD \$71,000 OF HOUSING FOR CATS IN NOVEMBER. SO  
14   THOSE ARE SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS FOR US AS WE SEE THE INCREASE AS  
15   THAT RELATES. SO I THINK WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE OUT OF THIS  
16   WHOLE PROCESS IS A MORE COLLABORATIVE EFFORT TO LOOK AT WAYS  
17   TO SAVE DOLLARS ON ANIMAL CONTROL SIDE AS WELL AS OURS THE  
18   CITY. JUST, FOR EXAMPLE, WE'VE IMPLEMENTED AN ISSUE WITH  
19   ANIMAL NOISE COMPLAINTS. WE TOOK THAT OVER ON THE CITY,  
20   IMPLEMENTED A MEDIATION PROCESS. TO THIS DATE, WE'RE AT 100  
21   PERCENT COMPLIANCE WITHOUT HAVING TO ISSUE ONE CITATION. THANK  
22   YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

23

24   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** EXCELLENT. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1   **DAVID VELA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DAVID  
2   VELA. I'M HERE IN MY ROLE AS P.I.O. TO BALDWIN PARK. I JUST  
3   WANT TO LEND THE SUPPORT TO THIS MOTION FROM THE CITY OF  
4   BALDWIN PARK. WE DO HOST ONE OF THE KENNELS. AND WE WANT TO  
5   BEGIN EFFICIENCY FROM THIS, AND WE'RE REALLY IN SUPPORT OF IT.  
6   THANK YOU SO MUCH.

7

8   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

9

10   **JESSICA SLAWSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON HONORABLE CHAIR AND  
11   SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JESSICA SLAWSON WITH THE CITY  
12   MANAGER'S OFFICE FOR REPRESENTING THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS  
13   ESTATES. AND I'M ALSO HERE TODAY, WITH THE OTHER CONTRACT  
14   CITIES, TO VOICE OUR SUPPORT FOR THE MOTION TO SUSPEND THE  
15   PROPOSED RATE INCREASES AND TO HIRE A CONSULTANT TO AUDIT THE  
16   DEPARTMENT'S FINANCES AND OPERATIONS. WE'RE A VERY SMALL CITY  
17   ON THE PENINSULA. AND THE RATE INCREASE WOULD SEVERELY IMPACT  
18   OUR CITY. SO OUR CITY COUNCIL COMMUNITY REALLY APPRECIATES THE  
19   BOARD OF SUPERVISORS LOOKING INTO THIS. THANK YOU.

20

21   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

22

23   **SHANNON DELONG:** GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIR HAHN AND MEMBERS OF THE  
24   BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS SHANNON DELONG. I'M THE  
25   ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER FOR THE CITY OF WHITTIER. I APPRECIATE

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1 THE PRIVILEGE TO SPEAK WITH YOU THIS AFTERNOON REGARDING ITEM  
2 7. AS YOU MAY KNOW, WHITTIER HAS CONTRACTED WITH THE COUNTY  
3 FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS FOR ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL SERVICES.  
4 IN THAT TIME, WE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED THE QUALITY SERVICE AND  
5 THE PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COUNTY. WE ARE THANKFUL FOR THE  
6 SUGGESTION OF SUPERVISOR BARGER AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO  
7 PERFORM A STUDY OF THE COSTS AND OPERATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT,  
8 INCLUDING THE POTENTIAL IDENTIFICATION OF ANY COST  
9 EFFICIENCIES. WE APPRECIATE THE WILLINGNESS OF THE BOARD TO  
10 CONSIDER THIS SUGGESTION. AND WE ARE VERY MUCH SUPPORTIVE OF  
11 THIS MEASURE. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

14

15 **MICHAEL MURPHY:** GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIR HAHN AND MEMBERS OF THE  
16 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I'M MICHAEL MURPHY. I'M THE  
17 INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS MANAGER FOR THE CITY OF SANTA  
18 CLARITA. I'M HERE TODAY TO SUPPORT THE MOTION BEING ADVANCED  
19 BY SUPERVISOR BARGER AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS. AS PROPOSED, THE  
20 SIX-YEAR, PHASED-IN COST FOR CONTRACT ANIMAL CARE SERVICES TO  
21 THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA WILL RESULT IN AN OVERALL COST  
22 INCREASE OF APPROXIMATELY 245 PERCENT AT FULL IMPLEMENTATION.  
23 THE SANTA CLARITA CITY COUNCIL SHARES YOUR APPRECIATION OF THE  
24 IMPORTANCE OF FULL COST RECOVERY IN THE PROVISION OF SERVICES.  
25 HOWEVER, THE SIGNIFICANT CONTRACT INCREASE BEING PROPOSED IS

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1 PROBLEMATIC. AND IS NOT SUSTAINABLE OVER THE LONG TERM.  
2 THEREFORE, A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE OPERATIONAL AND  
3 FISCAL HEALTH OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL AS  
4 PROPOSED IN THE MOTION AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF APPROPRIATE  
5 COST SAVING AND OPERATIONAL MEASURES BEFORE THE IMPLEMENTATION  
6 OF A NEW CONTRACT FEE STRUCTURE IS APPROPRIATE. THANK YOU FOR  
7 YOUR CONSIDERATION OF MY COMMENTS. AND I'D BE HAPPY TO ANSWER  
8 ANY QUESTIONS WHICH YOU MAY HAVE.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MADAM EXECUTIVE  
11 OFFICER, DO YOU NEED TO CALL SOME MORE PEOPLE?

12

13 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE FOLLOWING  
14 INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME. JAMES  
15 PURTEE, PHILIPPE ESKANDAR, MICHAEL VUONG, ANTONIA RAMIREZ,  
16 CONRAD CHACON. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. GO AHEAD.

19

20 **LARRY BRECEDA:** HELLO. MY NAME IS LARRY BRECEDA. I'M THE  
21 PUBLIC SAFETY MANAGER FOR THE CITY OF DUARTE. I'M REPRESENTING  
22 OBVIOUSLY THE CITY OF DUARTE. FIRST LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR  
23 SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION IN TODAY  
24 TO SUSPEND AND ANALYZE THE ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL NEW FEE  
25 STRUCTURE AND INCREASE. THE CITY OF DUARTE IS FACED WITH A

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1 FIVE FOLD INCREASE UNDER THE PROPOSED NEW STRUCTURE. THESE  
2 COSTS WILL ULTIMATELY BE PASSED ON TO OUR RESIDENTS. AND THESE  
3 CONCERNS HAVE BEEN SHARED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CARE  
4 AND CONTROL STAFF IN QUITE A FEW MEETINGS OVER THE PAST YEAR.  
5 DUARTE, AS WELL AS AT LEAST 17 OTHER LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
6 CITIES, SHARES THE VIEWS THAT THE COSTS ARE TOO HIGH AND ARE  
7 NOT JUSTIFIED. IN OUR MEETINGS, CITIES HAVE SUGGESTED FIRST  
8 THE OPERATIONAL ASPECTS BE LOOKED AT TO DETERMINE COSTS CAN BE  
9 DECREASED BY COST SAVING MEASURES, BUT THESE IDEAS WERE  
10 REJECTED. IN LIGHT OF THE NEWS STORY CONDUCTED BY LOS ANGELES  
11 C.B.S. LOCAL NEWS WHERE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL  
12 EMPLOYEES WERE OPERATING INEFFICIENTLY AND PERFORMING PERSONAL  
13 ACTIVITIES ON COUNTY TIME. SO WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT  
14 TODAY'S MOTION BE PASSED TO SUSPEND FURTHER INCREASES UNTIL  
15 SUCH TIME AS COMPLETE OPERATIONAL AND COST SAVINGS STUDIES CAN  
16 BE PERFORMED ON DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL. CITIES  
17 ARE NOT OPPOSED TO PAYING THE ACTUAL COSTS FOR SERVICES. BUT  
18 BEFORE COSTS ARE INCREASED, A DETAILED LOOK AT HOW COSTS COULD  
19 BE REDUCED OR OPERATIONS MADE MORE EFFICIENT SHOULD BE  
20 PERFORMED. THIS WOULD GIVE CITIES AND RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES  
21 COUNTY THE CONFIDENCE THAT THEIR TAX DOLLARS ARE BEING WISELY  
22 SPENT. IN ADDITION, WE BELIEVE ONE SIZE FITS ALL APPROACH  
23 CONDUCTED BY THE COUNTY'S CONSULTANT DOES NOT WORK FOR SUCH A  
24 DIVERSE CITY SUCH AS LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

25

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1    **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

2

3    **AARON LEDET:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD MEMBERS. MY NAME IS

4    AARON LEDET FROM THE CITY OF AZUSA IN THE CITY MANAGER'S

5    OFFICE. WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD, ESPECIALLY

6    SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND BARGER FOR CONSIDERING THE SUSPENSION OF

7    THE RATE HIKES. THE SERVICES THAT THE DEPARTMENT PROVIDES ARE

8    ESSENTIAL TO THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE RESIDENTS OF AZUSA.

9    WE HAVE MANY ANIMAL LOVERS. SO WE APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENTS

10   THAT HAVE COME FORTH AND EXPRESSED THEIR ISSUES IN THIS

11   MATTER. AND WE JUST LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THE RESULTS OF THE

12   AUDIT. WE AGREE THAT THE AUDIT IS NECESSARY TO REVIEW THE

13   OPERATIONAL AND FISCAL FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT. THANK YOU.

14

15   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

16

17   **MATTHEW RAMOS:** HELLO, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MATTHEW RAMOS.

18   I'M THE NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES MANAGER FOR THE CITY OF EL

19   MONTE. I'M HERE IN SUPPORT OF ITEM NUMBER 7. I FIRST WANT TO

20   THANK SUPERVISORS BARGER AND SOLIS FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON

21   BEHALF OF YOUR CITIES. THE CITY OF EL MONTE UNDERSTANDS THE

22   COST OF PROVIDING SERVICES WILL CONTINUE TO RISE. CITIES

23   ACROSS THE COUNTY ARE LOOKING FOR COST SAVINGS IN THEIR

24   BUDGETS WHILE TRYING TO MAINTAIN A HIGH LEVEL OF SERVICE. SOME

25   CITIES SUCH AS THE CITY OF EL MONTE HAVE TAKEN STEPS TO TAKE A



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1 MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN ANIMAL CONTROL, SUCH AS HIRING OUR OWN IN-  
2 HOUSE ANIMAL CONTROL FIELD SERVICE STAFF. THESE STEPS WERE  
3 TAKEN IN HOPES OF DECREASING RELIANCE ON THE COUNTY AS WELL AS  
4 REDUCING OUR COSTS FOR OUR BUDGET. EVEN WITH THESE STEPS,  
5 TAKING A MORE ACTIVE ROLE, THESE NEW BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION  
6 PROPOSED INCREASES WILL HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON OUR BUDGET  
7 MOVING FORWARD. SO I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON  
8 NUMBER 7 AND ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

11

12 **JOSH SWISHER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JOSH SWISHER. I  
13 REPRESENT CITY OF COMMERCE. I'M HERE IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 7  
14 TODAY. I JUST WANT TO GIVE YOU A LITTLE BIT OF A BREAKDOWN ON  
15 THE DIRECT IMPACT TO THE CITY OF COMMERCE AND HOW IT WILL  
16 AFFECT US. WE WANT TO CONTINUE TO RECEIVE SERVICES FROM THE  
17 DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL. BUT WITH THE DRAMATIC  
18 INCREASES, IT WILL IMPACT OUR BUDGET AND THE SERVICES THAT WE  
19 HAVE FOR OUR RESIDENTS. DURING THE FISCAL YEAR '17 AND '18  
20 COST OF AN IMPOUNDED ANIMAL WAS \$32.79 WITH A MAXIMUM OF FIVE-  
21 DAY CHARGE. OVER THE NEXT SIX YEARS, THIS COST WILL INCREASE  
22 TO \$47.68 PER DAY. AND COMMERCE WILL NO LONGER PAY PER DAY BUT  
23 WILL PAY FOR 10 DAYS FOR EVERY ANIMAL REGARDLESS OF THE LENGTH  
24 OF STAY, EVEN IF IT'S ONLY FOR ONE DAY. WHAT THIS MEANS TO THE  
25 CITY OF COMMERCE IS WE'RE GOING FROM PAYING A MAXIMUM OF \$160

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1 PER ANIMAL TO PAYING OVER \$470 AT A MINIMUM FOR EACH LENGTH OF  
2 STAY. THIS DRAMATIC INCREASE WILL HAVE A TREMENDOUS IMPACT ON  
3 OUR BUDGET. AND IT WILL BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE LEVEL OF  
4 SERVICES WE PROVIDE FOR OUR RESIDENTS IN THE CITY OF COMMERCE.  
5 I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON ITEM NUMBER 7. AND I  
6 ASK FOR SUPPORT ON THIS MATTER.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR COMING AND TESTIFYING. NEXT  
9 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

10

11 **JAMES PUREE:** GOOD AFTERNOON. JAMES PURTEE, CITY MANAGER OF THE  
12 CITY OF PALMDALE. THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK IN  
13 FAVOR OF ITEM NUMBER 7. I'D ALSO LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISORS  
14 BARGER AND SOLIS FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP ON BEHALF OF THEIR  
15 CITIES AND THE BOARD FOR CONSIDERING THE SUSPENSION OF THE  
16 RATE INCREASES WHILE ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL FURTHER ASSESSES  
17 ITS SERVICE COSTS AND EFFICIENCIES. THE CITY OF PALMDALE  
18 UNDERSTANDS THAT THE COSTS OF PROVIDING VARIOUS HIGH QUALITY  
19 COMMUNITY SERVICES WILL CONTINUE TO RISE. CITIES ACROSS THE  
20 COUNTRY STRUGGLING TO FIND BUDGET COST SAVINGS WHILE TRYING TO  
21 MAINTAIN A HIGH LEVEL OF SERVICE FOR THEIR RESIDENTS. WE ARE  
22 PLEASED TO CONTRACT WITH ANIMAL CARE AND SERVICES AND TO  
23 RECEIVE QUALITY SERVICES FROM THE DEPARTMENT. WE ARE HOME TO  
24 THE NEWEST SERVICE CENTER BUILT ON CITY DONATED LAND. HOWEVER,  
25 THE DRAMATICALLY PROJECTED COST INCREASES WILL IMPACT EACH OF

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1 OUR BUDGETS AND OUR LEVEL OF SERVICE TO OUR RESIDENTS. THE  
2 CITY OF PALMDALE SPANS OVER 105 SQUARE MILES AND FACES UNIQUE  
3 CHALLENGES DUE TO ITS SIZE, DISTANCE FROM LOS ANGELES, AND 50  
4 PERCENT STAFFING CUTS IT EXPERIENCED DURING THE GREAT  
5 RECESSION. WE CONTINUE TO FACE BUDGET CHALLENGES AND A 240  
6 PERCENT INCREASE IN ANIMAL SERVICE COSTS IS BOTH UNEXPECTED  
7 AND UNSUSTAINABLE. AND WE'D LIKE TO WORK WITH THE COUNTY AND  
8 ALL THE IMPACTED CITIES AND THEIR ANIMAL CARE PARTNERS TO  
9 DEVELOP A SUSTAINABLE ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL BUSINESS MODEL.  
10 I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON ITEM NUMBER 7 AND  
11 RESPECTFULLY REQUEST YOUR SUPPORT.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

14

15 **PHILIPPE ESKANDAR:** GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS. MY  
16 NAME IS PHILIPPE ESKANDAR ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF WESTLAKE  
17 VILLAGE. AS THE TENTH SMALLEST CITY IN THE COUNTY OF LOS  
18 ANGELES, THE CITY OF WESTLAKE VILLAGE IS UNIQUELY RELIANT ON A  
19 MULTITUDE OF SERVICES FROM THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, NOT THE  
20 LEAST OF WHICH IS ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL. I'D LIKE TO THANK  
21 YOU FOR YOUR INCREDIBLE SUPPORT THROUGHOUT THE WOOLSEY FIRE AS  
22 OUR CITY CONTINUES TO RECOVER FROM THE DEVASTATION. WE OWE A  
23 HUGE DEBT OF GRATITUDE TO ALL THE COUNTY SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR  
24 HELPING KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE AND AVOIDING FURTHER  
25 DESTRUCTION. EVEN AS RECENT AS THIS PAST WEEKEND, L.A. COUNTY

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1 STAFF WERE ASSISTING OUR RESIDENTS CLEAR MUDSLIDES AND REMOVE  
2 DOWNED TREES FROM ROADWAYS. AS ONE OF THE SMALLEST CONTRACT  
3 CITIES IN THE COUNTY, EVEN A SMALL CHANGE IN OUR SERVICE  
4 PROVIDERS' CONTRACTS HAVE LARGE IMPACTS. THE CITY OF WESTLAKE  
5 VILLAGE SUPPORTS THE SUPERVISORS' MOTION TO FURTHER STUDY THE  
6 CHANGES PROPOSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL.  
7 WE ARE VERY INTERESTED IN THE OUTCOME OF THE AUDIT AND ARE  
8 LOOKING FORWARD TO CONTINUE FUTURE CONVERSATIONS AND  
9 CONTINUING THE CITY'S GREAT PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS  
10 ANGELES. AND WE THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR CONSIDERING THIS  
11 MOTION.

12  
13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ARE THERE OTHER  
14 SPEAKERS? NO OTHER SPEAKERS. OKAY. SUPERVISOR BARGER, DID YOU  
15 WANT TO MAKE ANY CLOSING REMARKS?

16  
17 **SUP. BARGER:** YEAH, I JUST AGAIN WANT TO THANK THE CITIES'  
18 REPRESENTATIVES FOR COMING DOWN AND REALLY ARTICULATING THE  
19 CONCERNS THAT I HAVE. YOU'VE GOT FROM EVERY DISTRICT I THINK  
20 IS REPRESENTED THAT CAME DOWN. SO I AGAIN WANT TO THANK YOU  
21 ALL FOR TAKING DOWN OUT TO COME DOWN HERE AND TESTIFY. I WOULD  
22 ASK THAT THE BOARD SUPPORT THIS. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO IT  
23 BECAUSE THERE'S NO QUESTION THAT, YOU KNOW, AS REFERENCED BY  
24 THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM DUARTE, THAT THE TIMING AS IT RELATES  
25 TO INCREASING THE COSTS GIVEN THE C.B.S. NEWS STORY RAISED A

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1 LOT OF CONCERNS. I GOT CALLS FROM OUR CITIES WHO SAID ON ONE  
2 HAND, YOU WANT TO RAISE OUR FEES. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE'RE  
3 FINDING OUT WE MAY NOT BE GETTING WHAT WE'RE PAYING FOR. SO I  
4 THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO FULLY VET MOVING FORWARD WITH  
5 ANY INCREASES AND MAKE SURE THAT IT'S NOT SUBSIDIZED. I GOT  
6 ALTADENA RIGHT NOW WHICH IS CONTRACTING WITH THE CITY OF  
7 PASADENA, PASADENA HUMANE SOCIETY, BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT HAPPY  
8 WITH THE LEVEL OF SERVICES AS IT RELATES TO HAVING TO GO TO  
9 BALDWIN PARK. SO I THINK WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO DO A  
10 BETTER JOB AS IT RELATES TO ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL,  
11 ESPECIALLY IF WE'RE GOING ASK THEM TO INCREASE THEIR RATES. SO  
12 WITH THAT, I'D ASK FOR SUPPORT.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. COLLEAGUES, ITEM 7 IS  
15 BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR  
16 SOLIS TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO A  
17 UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. AND NOW WE'RE ON ITEM  
18 8. THIS WAS ALSO HELD BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. WOULD YOU LIKE TO  
19 MAKE SOME OPENING REMARKS?

20

21 **SUP. BARGER:** I WOULD LOVE TO. I'D LIKE TO THANK AGAIN  
22 SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD WITH ME  
23 TODAY. LAST WEEK, THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO MAKE MENTAL  
24 HEALTH TREATMENT A PRIORITY BY DEVELOPING A COUNTY-WIDE PLAN  
25 TO EXPAND OUR INPATIENT AND STEPDOWN MENTAL HEALTH BEDS. AND I

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1 WANT TO THANK DR. SHERIN FOR WORKING WITH US TO GET THAT  
2 MOVING. THE I.M.D. EXCLUSION WAIVER WOULD HELP EXPAND MEDICAID  
3 COVERAGE TO THOSE WHO ARE IN NEED OF INPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH  
4 BEDS AND WOULD BE COMPLEMENTARY TO OUR CURRENT EFFORTS.  
5 CURRENTLY THE I.M.D. EXCLUSION PROHIBITS STATES FROM RECEIVING  
6 MEDICAID PAYMENTS FOR INDIVIDUALS IN AN I.M.D. THAT ARE AGES  
7 21 TO 64. AND WHEN I SAY I.M.D., THAT STANDS FOR INPATIENT  
8 MENTAL DISORDER BECAUSE WE USE THAT AND SOME MAY NOT KNOW WHAT  
9 I.M.D. IS. THE LAW I.M.D. AS A HOSPITAL, NURSING FACILITY, OR  
10 OTHER INSTITUTION OF MORE THAN 16 BEDS THAT IS PRIMARILY  
11 ENGAGED IN PROVIDING DIAGNOSIS OR CARE OF PERSONS WITH MENTAL  
12 DISEASES INCLUDING MEDICAL ATTENTION, NURSING CARE, AND  
13 RELATED SERVICES. THIS GAP IN COVERAGE HAS EXISTED SINCE THE  
14 INCEPTION OF THE MEDICAID PROGRAM, BUT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN  
15 NOVEMBER OF 2018, THE CENTER FOR MEDICAID AND MEDICARE  
16 SERVICES ANNOUNCED THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WOULD BEGIN TO  
17 CONSIDER STATE APPLICATIONS FOR AN I.M.D. EXCLUSION WAIVER  
18 WHICH WOULD CLOSE THAT GAP. MEDICAID IS THE LARGEST PAYER OF  
19 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, AND EXPANSION OF THIS COVERAGE WOULD  
20 BE CRITICAL TO THOSE WHO ARE IN NEED. AS A COUNTY AND A STATE,  
21 WE MUST EXPLORE ALL FUNDING OPTIONS TO SUPPORT THE GOAL OF  
22 PROVIDING MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT AND SERVICES TO THOSE IN  
23 NEED. IT IS MY HOPE THAT WE WILL WORK WITH THE STATE IN  
24 DEVELOPMENT OF AN APPLICATION THAT IS IN LINE WITH OUR COUNTY  
25 PRIORITIES THAT WILL USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE THAT

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1 MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT SHOULD BE A PERMANENT AND ONGOING  
2 PRIORITY THAT IS WORTHY OF BOTH FEDERAL AND STATE INVESTMENTS.  
3 ONCE THIS APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED, I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING  
4 WITH MY COLLEAGUES ON THE BOARD, SOME OF WHOM HAVE YEARS OF  
5 EXPERIENCE IN WASHINGTON, D.C., TO ENSURE THAT THE FEDERAL  
6 GOVERNMENT ACCEPTS THE APPLICATION SO THAT WE GET THIS  
7 UNDERWAY. I WANT TO THANK ALIRIO OLMEDO FROM S.E.I.U. 721 WHO  
8 IS GOING TO BE SPEAKING, AS WELL, IN SUPPORT OF THIS EFFORT.  
9 BUT WITH THAT, DR. SHERIN, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU WANT TO SAY  
10 SOMETHING?

11

12 **DR. SHERIN:** YES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR BARGER AND  
13 SUPERVISORS. THE I.M.D. EXCLUSION WAIVER IS ACTUALLY A REALLY  
14 IMPORTANT PART OF THE OVERALL SOLUTION AND REFORM FOR MENTAL  
15 HEALTH SERVICES ACROSS THE COUNTY. WE'VE HAD A LOT OF  
16 CONVERSATION IN THIS ROOM ABOUT THE NEED FOR US TO EXPAND THE  
17 NETWORK OF HOSPITAL CARE, BOTH ACUTE AND SUBACUTE. AND THIS  
18 WOULD BE A CRITICAL PART OF THAT RESOURCE. THE IDEA IS THAT BY  
19 ACCESSING ADDITIONAL SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS  
20 THAT REQUIRE LONGER TERM CARE TO STABILIZE AND TO GET LINKED  
21 UP INTO COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES IS THAT IT WILL MITIGATE AND  
22 PREVENT THE NEED FOR REPEAT SHORT-TERM ACUTE HOSPITALIZATIONS.  
23 IT WILL PROVIDE CARE FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ENDING UP IN THE  
24 STREETS AND, IN SOME CASES, THE JAIL. THE OTHER THING THAT I  
25 WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT ABOUT THIS PARTICULAR WAIVER IS THAT



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1 IT REQUIRES THAT INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ADMITTED AND THAT RECEIVE  
2 CARE THROUGH THIS PAYMENT ARE SCREENED FOR MEDICAL ISSUES AND  
3 FOR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER ISSUES AND THAT THAT TREATMENT  
4 WOULD BE COMPELLED. SO THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR INTEGRATED  
5 CARE THAT WOULD BE FUNDED FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THROUGH  
6 THE STATE. I DON'T THINK IN THE CONTEXT OF THE CHALLENGES WE  
7 FACE AGAIN IN THE STREETS AND IN THE JAILS THAT THERE IS  
8 ANYTHING MORE IMPORTANT FOR THOSE SUFFERING FROM SERIOUS  
9 MENTAL ILLNESS THAN GETTING THIS WAIVER AND THIS ADDITIONAL  
10 RESOURCE. AND I THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BRINGING IT TO --  
11 BRINGING IT UP FOR A FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, DR. SHERIN. ANYTHING ELSE?

14

15 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, I'M SORRY I STEPPED OUT. BUT I WANT  
16 TO THANK SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR ACTUALLY ALLOWING ME TO CO-  
17 AUTHOR THIS. IT MAKES SO MUCH SENSE. WHY NOT HAVE THE STATE  
18 HELP US PROVIDE THIS ASSISTANCE? WE KNOW THIS IS ONE OF THE  
19 TOP PRIORITIES FOR THE COUNTY. AND I'M VERY THANKFUL THAT WE  
20 HAVE THE COOPERATION OF OUR DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND  
21 HOPEFULLY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO MOVE FORWARD. THANK YOU,  
22 MADAM CHAIR.

23

24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. YEAH, THANK  
25 YOU, BOTH OF YOU, FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. I THINK IF WE --

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1 THEY APPROVE THIS WAIVER, IT REALLY WOULD PROVIDE US SOME MUCH  
2 NEEDED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. AND I THINK A LOT OF PEOPLE  
3 DON'T UNDERSTAND, YOU KNOW, THAT I THINK THE INTENT BEHIND IT,  
4 I'M ASSUMING, WAS TO GET US AWAY FROM LARGER INSTITUTIONS BY  
5 SAYING THAT WE COULDN'T GET REIMBURSED FOR ANYWHERE THAT HAS  
6 16 BEDS OR OVER. BUT I THINK IT'S HAD SOME INCREDIBLE  
7 UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES IS WHAT HAS HAPPENED FOR US. AND IT  
8 SHIFTED THE BURDEN NOW TO HOSPITALS AND JAILS, WHICH IS THE  
9 WRONG PLACE, AS YOU HAVE TOLD US REPEATEDLY, DR. SHERIN, FOR  
10 SOMEONE TO GET THE MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT THAT THEY DESERVE.  
11 SO THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. THIS IS GOING TO BE  
12 ONE OF THE TOP THINGS THAT WE ARE ADVOCATING FOR TO OUR  
13 FEDERAL COUNTERPARTS. AND WHEN WE GO BACK THERE, WE'LL MAKE  
14 THIS A HUGE PRIORITY. THANK YOU. THANK YOU, DR. SHERIN. PLEASE  
15 CALL UP THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS  
16 US ON THIS ISSUE.

17

18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD ALIRIO  
19 OLMEDO, PLEASE COME FORWARD, GEORGE BUZZETTI AND ERIC PREVEN.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WELCOME. AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO  
22 YOUR TESTIMONY. GO AHEAD.

23

24 **ALIRIO OLMEDO:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME  
25 IS ALIRIO OLMEDO. I'M A SUPERVISING STAFF NURSE IN THE

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1 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, PARTICULARLY L.A.C.+U.S.C.  
2 MEDICAL CENTER. I OVERSEE THE PSYCHIATRIC EMERGENCY SERVICES  
3 IN THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT. I'M ALSO A MEMBER OF S.E.I.U.  
4 721. I WANT TO THANK FIRST SUPERVISOR BARGER AS WELL AS  
5 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND THEIR STAFF FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION  
6 AS A FOLLOW-UP TO THE BOARD VOTE TO CREATE A COUNTY PLAN FOR  
7 THE EXPANSION OF DIRECTLY OPERATED AND CONTRACTED MENTAL  
8 HEALTH BEDS. WE APPLAUD THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR PREVIOUS  
9 MOTIONS TO MOVE TOWARDS DEVELOPING THE CONNECTIONS OF SERVICES  
10 AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT AN INDIVIDUAL'S  
11 PROGRESS TO INDEPENDENCE AND PERSONAL RECOVERY OCCUR WHEN THEY  
12 ARE CONNECTED TO THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF CARE. WE ALSO SEE  
13 THE CHALLENGES OF NOT HAVING ENOUGH APPROPRIATE PLACEMENTS FOR  
14 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE GRAVELY DISABLED. I SEE INDIVIDUALS WHO  
15 COME INTO OUR COUNTY SYSTEM THROUGH THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT.  
16 INCREASING PLACEMENTS TO MATCH THE NEEDS OF INDIVIDUALS WILL  
17 ENABLE ONE TO RECEIVE TREATMENT AND CONNECTION TO SERVICES. WE  
18 NEED TO MOVE TOWARDS HAVING AN INFRASTRUCTURE THAT WILL ALLOW  
19 EVERY INDIVIDUAL TO BE TREATED AT THE LEVEL OF CARE THEY NEED.  
20 THANK YOU FOR THE TIME. AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH  
21 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO BRING STATE AND FEDERAL RESOURCES  
22 TO OUR COUNTY.

23  
24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** GEORGE BUZZETTI. HAVE YOU GUYS EVER READ  
2 THESE SELECT ISSUES REGARDING COMPETENCY TO STAND TRIAL, HUH?  
3 I DON'T THINK SO BECAUSE YOU GOT ME FIVE TIMES IN THE MENTAL  
4 HEALTH COURT. AND DR. SHERIN, YOU NO GOOD PIECE OF JUNK,  
5 YOU'RE IN THE INJUNCTION. DO YOU WANT TO COMMIT CRIMES ON ME?  
6 LAUGH, BARGER. YOU ARE IN IT, TOO. YOU CAN'T EVEN DO YOUR  
7 PUBLIC SPEAKING RIGHT.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** TRY TO STAY ON THE ITEM.

10

11 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** SO WHY DON'T YOU FOLLOW THE RULES? WHO'S TO  
12 GIVE YOU MORE MONEY? YOU LET THESE PEOPLE BREAK THE LAW.  
13 THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO LOSE THEIR JOBS AND BE CHARGED WITH CRIMES  
14 WHEN THEY COMMIT CRIMES, ESPECIALLY ON PEOPLE. DO YOU KNOW THE  
15 LATEST D.O.J. STATISTICS? A THOUSAND DEATHS, 60 PERCENT  
16 DIRECTLY HOMICIDES BY LAW ENFORCEMENT UNDER CUSTODY. DO YOU  
17 CARE? DO YOU CARE THAT THESE YOUTH ARE BEING CHARGED WITH  
18 MISDEMEANORS?

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

21

22 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** PROSECUTED BY THE D.A. ILLEGAL BECAUSE YOU  
23 ALLOW IT.

24

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1    **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YOU'RE DONE. PLEASE CALL UP ANYBODY ELSE  
2    THAT WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS US.

3

4    **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WOULD IVONE GAITER PLEASE COME FORWARD AND  
5    STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU?

6

7    **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** HELLO. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

8

9    **SPEAKER:** IS MY TIME READY?

10

11    **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YEAH, WE'RE READY FOR YOU. GO AHEAD AND TAKE  
12    A SEAT.

13

14    **SPEAKER:** NO, THAT'S OKAY. I'D LIKE TO STAND.

15

16    **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY.

17

18    **SPEAKER:** FIRST OF ALL, I'VE BEEN COMING HERE SINCE 2016. THIS  
19    IS 2019 NOW. I CAME FOR HELP, BUT THROUGH A LOT OF  
20    MISUNDERSTANDING, MISCOMMUNICATION, SOME OF THESE MENTAL  
21    ISSUES, SOME OF THESE PEOPLE, THEY PUT THESE MENTAL ISSUES  
22    UPON PEOPLE THAT DON'T NEED THAT MUCH HELP. INSTEAD, THEY WIND  
23    UP GIVING THEM MORE PSYCH MEDS, MAKING THEIR CONDITIONS WORSE,  
24    AND ALSO PUTTING FALSE INFORMATION IN THE DATABASE. OKAY LIKE  
25    HOW CAN YOU SAY A PERSON IS HAVING DELUSIONS AND

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1 HALLUCINATIONS WHEN YOU'RE NOT BEING SPECIFIC ABOUT IT? TELL A  
2 PERSON WHAT KIND OF DELUSIONS, WHAT KIND OF HALLUCINATIONS.  
3 IF YOU'RE TRYING TO HELP THAT PERSON, YOU HAVE TO BE MORE  
4 SPECIFIC IN YOUR DIAGNOSIS. INSTEAD, IT SEEMS LIKE  
5 PSYCHIATRISTS, THEY WANT TO RUN YOU CRAZY JUST SO THEY CAN  
6 BILL YOU UP THE WAY THAT THEY WANT TO BILL YOU UP. NOW, WITH  
7 ME, I'VE BEEN GOING THROUGH THIS TWO MONTHS BEFORE MY 62ND  
8 BIRTHDAY. HERE IT IS. I'M 65 GOING ON 66 NOW. I'VE BEEN  
9 CONSTANTLY HARASSED, MISUNDERSTOOD, DIFFERENT GAMES PLAYED  
10 WITH. AND IT SEEMS AS IF SOMEONE IS TRYING TO DRIVE ME CRAZY  
11 INTO WHICH THAT IS NOT GOING HAPPEN.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR COMING DOWN SPEAKING TO US.  
14 YOUR TIME IS UP.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** YOU NEED MORE PEOPLE ON STAFF TO REALLY UNDERSTAND A  
17 PERSON, INSTEAD OF TRYING TO AS FAR AS GETTING MONEY OFF OF A  
18 PERSON.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** BECAUSE IT'S RIDICULOUS.

23

24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** DO WE HAVE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC?

25 OKAY. THANK YOU, SIR. THANK YOU. OKAY. NO COMMENTS. OKAY. SO

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1 WE HAVE ITEM 8 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER.

2 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. IF THERE

3 ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.

4 AND NOW WE'RE ON ITEM 12. THIS WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

5 WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE SOME OPENING REMARKS?

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS:** VERY BRIEF, MADAM CHAIR. I KNOW IT'S BEEN A LONG

8 AFTERNOON ALREADY. AND I PARTICULARLY WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR

9 SHEILA KUEHL FOR ALSO JOINING ME IN PUTTING THIS MOTION

10 FORWARD. YOU KNOW, IN OUR CURRENT SYSTEM, GETTING OUT ON BAIL

11 CORRELATES FAR MORE TO A PERSON'S ABILITY TO PAY THAN ANY

12 LIKELIHOOD OF APPEARING IN COURT OR RISK TO PUBLIC SAFETY.

13 MANY PEOPLE REMAIN IN JAIL AWAITING TRIAL SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY

14 CAN'T AFFORD BAIL. THAT MEANS THAT BECAUSE OF POVERTY, PEOPLE

15 ARE AWAITING TRIAL FOR MONTHS AND SOMETIMES YEARS WHEN A

16 PERSON WITH MEANS IN THEIR SAME POSITION WOULD BE ABLE TO BUY

17 THEIR FREEDOM AND RETURN HOME. BECAUSE OF THIS, POOR PEOPLE

18 ARE LEFT OFTEN TO LOSE THEIR JOBS, THEIR LIVELIHOOD, THEIR

19 HOUSING, AND IN SOME INSTANCES, EVEN THEIR FAMILIES. AND THEY

20 OFTEN FEEL FORCED TO TAKE PLEA BARGAINS JUST TO GET OUT AND

21 THEREFORE ALSO HAVE A HIGHER CHANCE OF BEING CONVICTED WHETHER

22 OR NOT THEY ACTUALLY COMMITTED A CRIME. NATIONAL STUDIES BY

23 VOX AND THE VERA INSTITUTE AND THE A.C.L.U. SHOW THAT

24 JURISDICTIONS THAT HAVE GOTTEN RID OF MONEY BAIL HAVE SHOWN

25 THAT RELEASING MANY MORE PEOPLE DOES NOT CORRELATE, I REPEAT,



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1 DOES NOT CORRELATE A HIGH LEVEL OF RE-ARREST OF VIOLENT  
2 CRIMES. THIS COUNTY OPERATES ONE OF THE LARGEST AND MOST  
3 COSTLY LOCAL JAIL SYSTEMS IN THE COUNTRY WITH AN AVERAGE DAILY  
4 POPULATION OF 17,000 PEOPLE. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, IN  
5 FACT, ESTIMATES THAT OVER 40 PERCENT OF INDIVIDUALS IN THE  
6 COUNTY JAILS ARE BEING HELD WHILE THEY AWAIT TRIAL MANY TIMES  
7 DUE TO THEIR INABILITY TO COME UP WITH MONEY TO PAY FOR THAT  
8 BAIL. AT THE SAME TIME, WE'RE PARTICIPATING IN A NATIONAL TIDE  
9 SHIFT, A TIDAL WAVE, I WOULD SAY, AWAY FROM PENALIZING PEOPLE  
10 WHO NEED MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT AS WELL  
11 AS OTHER SERVICES. THE MODELS THAT ARE IMPLEMENTING IN THE  
12 MENTAL HEALTH ARENA -- THAT WE ARE IMPLEMENTING IN THE MENTAL  
13 HEALTH ARENA TO ALLOW US TO CONDUCT MENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENTS  
14 AT ARRAIGNMENT SHOULD BE INCORPORATED AT A HIGHER RATE RATHER  
15 THAN INCARCERATING OR JUST PROSECUTING THEM. I LOOK FORWARD TO  
16 EXPANDING OUR PRE-TRIAL SERVICES EFFORTS GENERALLY AND  
17 BUILDING ON THOSE TO ENSURE THAT OUR COUNTY'S BAIL REFORM  
18 MODEL DRAWS ON ALL THAT WE'VE LEARNED AND WHAT ARE THE BEST  
19 PRACTICES NATIONALLY. TO THAT END, I WANT TO ADD ONE  
20 ADDITIONAL DIRECTIVE TO THIS MOTION. LAST YEAR, THE CALIFORNIA  
21 APPELLATE COURT FOUND THAT A PERSON'S ABILITY TO PAY SHOULD BE  
22 CONSIDERED IN DETERMINING THE BAIL AMOUNT THAT IS SET FOR  
23 THEIR RELEASE. BECAUSE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS CASE AND ITS  
24 IMPACT ON OUR PRE-TRIAL RELEASE EFFORTS, I WANT TO MAKE THE  
25 FOLLOWING AMENDMENT. THAT WE DIRECT THE COUNTY COUNSEL TO

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1 EXPLORE OPTIONS AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD IN 30 DAYS WITH  
2 RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING WHETHER TO FILE OR JOIN IN AN AMICUS  
3 OR AS A PLAINTIFF IN LITIGATION IN SUPPORT OF THE APPELLATE  
4 COURT'S DECISION IN RE HUMPHRIES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ARE THERE MEMBERS OF  
7 THE PUBLIC THAT NEED TO BE CALLED?

8

9 **SPEAKER:** YES, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS  
10 PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU? ANTONIA  
11 RAMIREZ, BREANNA COLINDRES, BRIAN KANEDA, CYRUS DUNHMA, DAISY  
12 GONZALEZ, EUNISSES HERNANDEZ, GEORGE BUZZETTI, GREGORY  
13 GABRELLAS, IAN SCHIFFER, ISABELLA MORTON, IVETTE ALE, JACOB  
14 JACKSON, JENNIFER LAVORIN, JEREMY TRAMER, JEREMY LEVENSON,  
15 JOSEPH MAIZLISH, JULIE ALLEY, KIKUYE SUGIYAMA, KIM MCGILL,  
16 LEX STEPPLING, LYDIA KIVES, MARIE MAZZONE, MARK CLAYTON  
17 ANTHONY JOHNSON, MICHAEL PULIDO, MICHAEL NISHIMURA, PASTOR CUE  
18 JNMARIE, PATRICIA GUERRA, PHAL SOK, REEGIE BUNCH, SAMUAL  
19 ZIDOVETZKI, SHEILA PINKEL, STEPHANIE PARK, AND ZACHARY HUGHES  
20 PLEASE COME FORWARD.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

23

24 **ANTONIA RAMIREZ:** THANK YOU. JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE POOR, DOES NOT  
25 MEAN YOU HAVE TO COMMIT CRIMES. MOST OF THE [EXPLETIVE] AND

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1 LATINOS WHO CLAIM TO BE POOR ARE COMMITTING CRIMES, YET  
2 THEY'RE MOONLIGHTING MAKING THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN A DRUG  
3 WORLD. AND I'D LIKE TO SEE BEFORE YOU DO THE EARLY RELEASES, I  
4 WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND KUEHL, SUPERIOR  
5 COURT JUDGES, THE PUBLIC DEFENDERS, DISTRICT ATTORNEY JACKIE  
6 LACEY, THE ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
7 OF DIVERSION AND RE-ENTRY, THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER, THE  
8 SHERIFFS, AND THE DIRECTORS OF MENTAL HEALTH AND PUBLIC HEALTH  
9 AND HEALTH SERVICES, AND THE A.C.L.U., THE LEGAL AID, PUBLIC  
10 LAW CENTER, AND ALL THE MASONIC [EXPLETIVE]. I'D LIKE TO SEE  
11 THEM SLEEP ON THE STREETS. I'D LIKE TO SEE THEM SLEEP ON THE  
12 STREETS AND GET BATTERED, TORTURED, ATTACKED, ROBBED, AND  
13 RAPED, AND BEATEN BY THESE SO-CALLED THUGS AND CRIMINALS WHICH  
14 MOST ARE LATINOS AND [EXPLETIVE] THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN  
15 DEPORTED IN THE FIRST PLACE. NOW WHY? PUBLIC SAFETY? NOBODY  
16 GIVES A CRAP ABOUT PUBLIC SAFETY ANYMORE. NOT CERTAINLY ERIC  
17 GARCETTI, AND MICHAEL FEUER, AND JACKIE LACEY. THEY GIVE A  
18 [EXPLETIVE] ABOUT PUBLIC SAFETY. WE HAVE A --

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED.

21

22 **ANTONIA RAMIREZ:** WE HAVE A GANG EPIDEMIC AND PUBLIC SAFETY --

23

24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

25 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1

2 **BREANNA CORINDRES:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS BREANNA  
3 CORINDRES. I'M WITH Y.J.C. AND I WOULD LIKE TO TALK ABOUT  
4 STOPPING COURT FEES AND BAIL WITHOUT PUTTING MORE PEOPLE IN  
5 JAIL. PEOPLE IMPACTED BY COURTS IN DETENTION IN LOS ANGELES  
6 COUNTY ARE OFTEN CHARGED THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN FEES. AND  
7 MOST PEOPLE DON'T HAVE THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS. SO I FEEL LIKE WE  
8 SHOULD STOP THAT.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER? AND MAY I ASK THE  
11 AUDIENCE TO PLEASE REMAIN QUIET WHILE WE ARE LISTENING TO  
12 OTHER SPEAKERS. WE SHOULD GIVE HIM BACK HIS TIME SINCE I WAS  
13 TALKING. OH WE HAVEN'T STARTED YET. OKAY. WELCOME.

14

15 **BRIAN KANEDA:** HI, HELLO TO EVERYONE. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS  
16 BRIAN KANEDA. I'M WITH CALIFORNIA COALITION FOR WOMEN  
17 PRISONERS AND ALSO CALIFORNIANS UNITED FOR A RESPONSIBLE  
18 BUDGET. I JUST WANTED TO THANK ALL THE SUPERVISORS FOR YOUR  
19 COMMITMENT TO DEVELOPING A PRE-TRIAL MODEL THAT IS RESPONSIVE  
20 TO THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE OF L.A. COUNTY. WE HAVE BEEN  
21 READING THROUGH THE MOTION, AND THERE'S A LOT THAT WE AGREE  
22 WITH, BUT WITH THE AMENDMENTS THAT WE'VE BEEN SUGGESTING OVER  
23 THE PAST COUPLE OF DAYS. THE COUNTY SHOULD INVEST IN  
24 ESTABLISHING NEEDS AND STRENGTHS ASSESSMENT AT EVERY POINT OF  
25 CONTACT WITH THE JUSTICE SYSTEM. WE'RE REALLY EXCITED BY THIS

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1 INTEREST. AND WE'RE HOPING THAT THROUGH PUBLIC COMMENTARY  
2 TODAY, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO HEAR FROM OUR COMMUNITY AND WE CAN  
3 GIVE SOME FEEDBACK ABOUT WHAT WE KNOW TO DO TO HELP PEOPLE  
4 STAY ALIVE AND THRIVE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

7

8 **KIM MCGILL:** HELLO, SUPERVISORS, AGAIN. KIM MCGILL FROM THE  
9 YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. WE'RE ALSO EXCITED ABOUT THIS  
10 OPPORTUNITY TO MOVE FORWARD AND CREATE A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN  
11 FOR L.A. COUNTY THAT BOTH REDUCES THE JAIL POPULATION AND  
12 ELIMINATES MONEY BAIL. WE URGE YOU TO ACCEPT THE PLAN THAT  
13 YOU'RE ADOPTING BUT ALSO TO MOVE FORWARD WITH SOME OTHER  
14 RECOMMENDATIONS. FIRST, IN ORDER TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO  
15 RESPONSIBLY ELIMINATE BAIL IN L.A. COUNTY WITHOUT INCREASING  
16 JAIL DETENTION, IT SHOULD PRIORITIZE PLEA ARRAIGNMENT RELEASE  
17 OVER PRE-TRIAL RELEASE, INCLUDING HAVING PEOPLE ASSESSED  
18 WITHIN FIRST FOUR HOURS OF CUSTODY AND TRANSFERRING PRE-TRIAL  
19 SERVICES TO THE OFFICE TO DIVERSION AND REENTRY AND/OR THE  
20 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. THAT WOULD INCLUDE POSTING  
21 THROUGHOUT ALL THE LOCKUPS YOUR RIGHT TO HAVE A PRE-ASSESSMENT  
22 RELEASE. SECOND, REPLACE RISK ASSESSMENT INSTRUMENTS WHICH  
23 HAVE BEEN PROVEN TO BE RACIALLY BIASED WITH NEEDS AND STRENGTH  
24 ASSESSMENTS THAT FOCUS ON RECOGNIZING AND CONNECTING PEOPLE TO  
25 THE RESOURCES IN OUR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES. THIRD, REDUCE

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1   ARRAIGNMENT PERIODS IN L.A. COUNTY TO PUT US IN LINE WITH  
2   OTHER STATES FROM 42 HOURS FOR ADULTS AND 72 HOURS WITH YOUTH  
3   NOT INCLUDING WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS TO 24 HOURS FOR EVERYONE  
4   INCLUDING WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS.

5

6   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, KIM. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

7

8   **DAISY GONZALEZ:** HI, MY NAME IS DAISY GONZALEZ. I AM WITH YOUTH  
9   JUSTICE COALITION. I AM IN SUPPORT OF ENDING BAIL. THE  
10   MAJORITY OF PEOPLE WHO ARE CHARGED BAIL CAN'T AFFORD IT.  
11   ACCORDING TO A STUDY BY U.C.L.A., 43 PERCENT OF PEOPLE  
12   ARRESTED ARE UNEMPLOYED. MOST OF WHICH HAVE A HARD TIME  
13   GETTING A JOB DUE TO THEIR RECORDS. FINES AND FEES ARE  
14   SYSTEMATIC WAY TO DESTROY ONE'S ECONOMIC STABILITY. PEOPLE WHO  
15   ARE AFFECTED GREATLY ARE WORKING CLASS AND LOW INCOME  
16   FAMILIES, ESPECIALLY WOMEN WHO MAKE UP THE 83 PERCENT  
17   POPULATION OF THOSE WHO PAY THESE BILLS. THIS BURDENS FAMILIES  
18   HEAVILY. THE SOLUTION IS TO CONNECT FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES  
19   TO RESOURCES WHICH IS THE KEY ELEMENT TO ENDING THESE BAILS,  
20   FEES, AND FINES.

21

22   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

23

24   **ISABELLA MORTON:** HI, MY NAME'S ISABELLA MORTON. I'M A  
25   PSYCHIATRY RESIDENT AT U.C.L.A. AND THE WEST L.A. V.A. I ALSO

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1 WORK AT PROJECT 180, A COMMUNITY-BASTED TREATMENT PROGRAM  
2 SERVICE JUSTICE-INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS. I SUPPORT PRE-TRIAL  
3 REFORM AND SPECIFICALLY DIVERSION WHICH INCLUDES USING A NEEDS  
4 ASSESSMENT INSTEAD OF A RISK ASSESSMENT. I'VE WORKED WITH SO  
5 MANY INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN INCARCERATED FOR SYMPTOMS OF  
6 THEIR MENTAL ILLNESS, FOR EXAMPLE, FOR MAKING A FALSE 911  
7 CALL, THE RESULTS OF THEIR PARANOIA AND AUDITORY  
8 HALLUCINATIONS, OR BEING IN A PARK AFTER HOURS BECAUSE THEY'RE  
9 HOMELESS. THEY CAN END UP IN JAIL FOR A YEAR BECAUSE THEY'RE  
10 SICK, CAN'T NAVIGATE THE SYSTEM, OR ADVOCATE FOR THEMSELVES.  
11 INCARCERATION LEADS TO ADDITIONAL TRAUMA WHICH CAN EXACERBATE  
12 MENTAL ILLNESS, WORSENING PARANOIA, INCREASING RISK OF  
13 SUICIDE, AND MAKING IT HARDER TO SUCCEED POST-RELEASE. AS A  
14 MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL, WE KNOW HOW TO TREAT THESE  
15 PATIENTS. THEY MUST BE MANAGED IN MENTAL HEALTH SETTINGS AND  
16 NOT BEHIND BARS. A JAIL IS NOT A HOSPITAL. I AM HERE TO  
17 SUPPORT PRE-TRIAL REFORM ALSO TO SUPPORT INCREASED DIVERSION  
18 AND OPPOSE THE PLAN FOR A NEW MENTAL HEALTH JAIL. A JAIL  
19 CANNOT BE A PLACE OF TREATMENT OR RECOVERY. THANK YOU.

20  
21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

22  
23 **JEREMY LEVENSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JEREMY LEVENSON.  
24 I'M AN M.D./P.H.D. STUDENT U.C.L.A. AND HAVE STUDIED JAIL  
25 HEALTHCARE HERE IN LOS ANGELES AND ALSO IN NEW YORK CITY AT



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1 RIKERS ISLAND JAIL. I WANT TO MAKE A SIMPLE BUT CONSEQUENTIAL  
2 POINT THAT BY THE TIME PATIENTS ARRIVE IN JAIL AND MEDICAL AND  
3 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE THERE THEY HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS  
4 POTENTIAL CRIMINALS, THREATS, FIRST, AND PATIENTS SECOND. THE  
5 REASON THEY WERE IDENTIFIED AS SUCH IS TOTALLY LOST. SO TO  
6 REVERSE THIS PROCESS, CLINICIANS SHOULD BE INVOLVED AT EVERY  
7 THAT LEADS TO THIS RESULT, EMERGENCY RESPONSE, ARREST,  
8 ARRAIGNMENT, SENTENCING. THE COUNTY HAS EXPERIMENTS OF DOING  
9 THIS WITH POLICE RESPONSE TEAMS AND OTHER EFFORTS. BUT THERE'S  
10 MUCH WORK STILL TO BE DONE. FOLLOWING SUCH EFFORTS AS IN NEW  
11 YORK CITY WHERE THEY HAVE HEALTHCARE CLINICIANS DURING PRE-  
12 ARRAIGNMENT SCREENINGS. SO DIVERSION NEEDS TO BE DONE IN CLOSE  
13 COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES AND NEEDS  
14 TO BE DONE TOWARDS THE EFFORT OF THE DECARCERATION AND  
15 DECRIMINALIZATION. THANK YOU.

16  
17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

18  
19 **MARIE MAZZONE:** SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON CHAIR HAHN AND  
20 SUPERVISORS. I'M MARIE MAZZONE. I'M A MEMBER OF THE BEND THE  
21 ARC'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM COMMITTEE. FIRST OF ALL THANK  
22 YOU TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND KUEHL FOR DEVELOPING THIS PRE-  
23 TRIAL MODEL. AS A MEMBER OF BEND THE ARC, WHO WORKED CLOSELY  
24 FOR THE PASSAGE OF S.B.10 AND THEN ULTIMATELY OPPOSED THE  
25 HEAVILY AMENDED UNRECOGNIZABLE BILL, I URGE THE BOARD TO HAVE

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1 A TRULY TRANSPARENT PROCESS FOR THE PRE-TRIAL REFORM WITH  
2 UNFLINCHING FOCUS ON THE GOAL OF PRE-TRIAL RELEASE AND  
3 DECARCERATION. MOST IMPORTANTLY, I CALL ON THE BOARD TO BE  
4 GUIDED BY THE MORAL MANDATE THAT THE ACCUSED ARE INNOCENT  
5 UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY AND SHOULD BE TREATED AS SUCH. THANK YOU  
6 VERY MUCH.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

9

10 **JULIE ALLEY:** I'M JULIE ALLEY. I'M A LONG TIME HUMAN RIGHTS  
11 ACTIVIST AND A MEMBER OF THE WEST SIDE CHAPTER OF THE A.C.L.U.  
12 I'VE WORKED A LOT ON MONEY BAIL RECENTLY FOR PASSAGE OF S.B.  
13 10. AND I, TOO, WAS DISAPPOINTED BY ITS REALITY. I THINK THE  
14 GOAL OF PRE-TRIAL REFORM HAS TO REMAIN DECARCERATION. A FULLY  
15 TRANSPARENT PROCESS IS REALLY IMPORTANT, AND I REALLY COMMEND  
16 SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND KUEHL FOR WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY  
17 COALITIONS. AND THAT'S KIND OF PART OF THE WHOLE PROCESS. IT  
18 HAS TO BE. REPLACING THE OPPRESSIVE MONEY BAIL SYSTEM, WHICH  
19 IS A SYSTEM THAT HAS RISK ALGORITHMS IS LIKE REPLACING A BAD  
20 SYSTEM WITH A BAD SYSTEM. I THINK WE NEED TO HAVE NO RISK  
21 ASSESSMENT INSTRUMENTS. I ALSO THINK WE NEED TO TRY OTHER  
22 THINGS LIKE CALLING PEOPLE WHEN THEIR TRIAL IS HAPPENING AND  
23 TEXTING OR PROVIDING RIDES TO COURT THINGS, THINGS LIKE THAT.

24

25 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1

2 **PHAL SOK:** GOOD AFTERNOON. PHAL SOK WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE  
3 COALITION. IF I MAY, I'D LIKE TO RENAME A RISK ASSESSMENT  
4 INSTRUMENT AS A RISK ASSESSMENT TOOL, IN OTHER WORDS, A RAT.  
5 I'M GOING TO LEAVE IT AT THAT. RATS ARE VERY DESTRUCTIVE,  
6 RIGHT? THAT'S WHAT IT'S GOING TO DO TO OUR COMMUNITIES. I  
7 DON'T COME WITH SPEECHES. I DON'T COME WITH ANYTHING  
8 ELOQUENTLY WRITTEN. I JUST COME WITH HOW MY LIFE TURNED OUT.  
9 AND I JUST TELL YOU THINGS AS HOW THEY ARE. WHEN I WAS 17, MY  
10 BAIL WAS ALMOST \$400,000, WHEN I WAS 17. AND ANY RISK  
11 ASSESSMENT TOOL THAT YOU WOULD USE AT THAT TIME, I DIDN'T HAVE  
12 A JOB, LIVING IN A LOW INCOME COMMUNITY, ETC., ALL THE  
13 NEGATIVE THINGS THAT GO INTO THESE TOOLS AND GET WEIGHED. AND  
14 AT THE END OF THE DAY, ABILITY TO PAY OR NOT, I STILL WOULDN'T  
15 HAVE GOTTEN OUT, SO IT MADE NO DIFFERENCE. YOU WOULD HAVE  
16 STILL LOCKED ME UP. AND ALL MY OTHER FRIENDS THAT WERE WITH ME  
17 GROWING UP IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD, SAME OLD THING. IT DIDN'T  
18 MATTER HOW OLD THEY WERE. THEIR BAILS WERE SO DAMN HIGH THEY  
19 CONTINUE PAY A DAMN PENNY OF IT. WE WERE ALL STUCK IN JAIL.  
20 MOST OF US WENT TO ADULT SYSTEM AFTERWARDS. AND THE RISK  
21 ASSESSMENT TOOL, WE DON'T NEED ANY RATS IN OUR COUNTY.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

24

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1 **EUNISSES HERNANDEZ:** HELLO, GOOD AFTERNOON HONORABLE  
2 CHAIRWOMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS EUNISSES  
3 HERNANDEZ, CAMPAIGN COORDINATOR FOR JUST LEADERSHIP U.S.A., A  
4 LOCAL AND NATIONAL NONPROFIT WORKING TO CUT THE INCARCERATED  
5 POPULATION BY HALF IN 2030 IN THE U.S. I'M ALSO A MEMBER OF  
6 THE JUSTICE L.A. COALITION AND A RESIDENT OF THE FIRST  
7 DISTRICT. I WANT TO START OUT BY TELLING SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND  
8 KUEHL THANK YOU FOR THE MOTION YOU PUT FORWARD. HOPEFULLY IT  
9 WILL LEAD US TO A PRE-TRIAL SYSTEM THAT IS RESPONSIVE TO THE  
10 NEEDS OF L.A. COUNTY. WE SUPPORT THE INTENT OF THE MOTION BUT  
11 NOT WITHOUT SOME CONCERNS. S.B. 10 INTENTIONALLY EXPANDS THE  
12 USE OF R.A.I.S, RISK ASSESSMENT INSTRUMENTS, WHICH IS NOTHING  
13 MORE THAN BIASED MATH. R.A.I.S APPEAR COLORBLIND ON THE  
14 SURFACE, BUT THEY ARE BASED ON FACTORS THAT WERE HIGHLY  
15 CORRELATED WITH RACE, CLASS, AND ALSO SIGNIFICANTLY INFLUENCED  
16 BY PERVASIVE PRACTICES IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM SUCH AS  
17 OVERPOLICING AND ARRESTS. YOU WILL HAVE THE FULL SUPPORT OF  
18 THE COMMUNITY ON THIS MOTION IF YOU MOVE FORWARD REMOVING THE  
19 USE OF RISK ASSESSMENT INSTRUMENTS. EACH ONE OF YOU HAS PUT  
20 FORWARD GREAT MOTIONS ADDRESSING AND INVESTING IN MENTAL  
21 HEALTH SERVICES AND ADULT DIVERSION AND SO MUCH MORE. YOU WERE  
22 DOING THE RIGHT THING. PLEASE KNOW YOU ARE DOING THE RIGHT  
23 THING. DON'T LET YOUR LEGACY BE BUILDING A MENTAL HEALTH JAIL  
24 WHEN WE'RE IN A CRISIS THAT CAN BE SOLVED WITH COMMUNITY-BASED  
25 SERVICES NOT JAIL BEDS.

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

3

4 **IVETTE ALE:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS IVETTE ALE. I'M WITH  
5 CALIFORNIANS UNITED FOR A RESPONSIBLE BUDGET AND THE JUSTICE  
6 L.A. COALITION. FOR THE FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS HARMED BY OUR  
7 CURRENT PRE-TRIAL SYSTEM, ENDING MONEY BAIL IS A PIECE OF AN  
8 OVERALL GOAL TO DECARCERATE. S.B.10 EXPOSED MANY THINGS  
9 INCLUDING THE SHORT SIGHTEDNESS OF TREATING IT AS A SINGLE  
10 ISSUE POLICY FIGHT AS WELL AS THE NEED FOR TRANSPARENCY AND  
11 COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT. THANK YOU SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND SOLIS  
12 FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD. I'M ENCOURAGED THAT THIS  
13 BOARD IS MOVING IN A DIFFERENT DIRECTION. THIS MOTION CAN BE  
14 STRENGTHENED, HOWEVER, BY MANDATING THE CREATION OF A  
15 COMMUNITY-LED PLEA TRIAL WORKGROUP. PRE-TRIAL DETENTION ONLY  
16 COMPOUNDS TRAUMA AND VIOLENCE. IT HARMS PUBLIC SAFETY. AND  
17 EVERYBODY KNOWS THIS. DECARCERATING OUR PRE-TRIAL POPULATION  
18 IS THE FASTEST AND MOST COST EFFECTIVE WAY OF ALLEVIATING  
19 DEPLORABLE CONDITIONS INSIDE OUR JAILS WHILE SUPPORTING PUBLIC  
20 SAFETY IN THE COMMUNITY. THIS BOARD IS UNPRECEDENTED IN ITS  
21 EMBRACE OF ALTERNATIVES. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS  
22 FOR LEADING ON ADULT DIVERSION, SUPERVISOR BARGER AND HAHN FOR  
23 YOUR SUPPORT OF COMMUNITY-BASED MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT. I  
24 KNOW YOU CARE BECAUSE YOUR ACTIONS TELL US SO. HOWEVER, TRYING  
25 TO LEGITIMIZE RISK ASSESSMENTS WILL UNDO ALL THE GOOD

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1 DIVERSION WORK YOU ARE DOING. IT'S TIME TO IMPLEMENT A BOLD  
2 PRE-TRIAL MODEL THAT UNEQUIVOCALLY MAKES NEW JAILS OBSOLETE.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

5

6 **MICHAEL PULIDO:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME MICHAEL PULIDO. I'M WITH  
7 THE TRANS-LATINA COALITION AND A MEMBER OF THE JUSTICE L.A.  
8 COALITION. I'M HERE TO SUPPORT PRE-TRIAL REFORM THAT REPLACES  
9 BAIL WITH THE MONETARY EXPENSE AND NOT NECESSARILY USING RISK  
10 ASSESSMENT INSTRUMENTS. IT SHOULD BE CENSORING COMMUNITY-BASED  
11 RESPONSES AND REALLY LOOKING AT THE REASONS WHY PRE-TRIAL  
12 POPULATIONS ARE SO HIGH FOR THINGS LIKE CRIMINALIZING POVERTY,  
13 FOR THINGS LIKE STEALING, LOITERING, ALL THOSE TYPE OF THINGS.  
14 RATHER THAN JAILING, WE NEED TO BE CONCERNED THAT THE REASONS  
15 WHY PEOPLE ARE BEING PLACED IN JAIL AND BEING ABLE TO DEVELOP  
16 PRE-BOOKING DIVERSION PROGRAMS THAT ALLOW PEOPLE TO BE  
17 CENTERED BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY RATHER THAN BEING JAILED, TO  
18 ALLOW THEM TO GET ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES, SUBSTANCE  
19 USE TREATMENT, AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. RATHER THAN  
20 PROVOKING MORE TRAUMA BY JAILING POPULATIONS, BEING ABLE TO  
21 PREVENT THAT BY DIVERTING THEM TO PROGRAMS THAT WILL ACTUALLY  
22 HELP THEM. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

25

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1   **LEX STEPPLING:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS LEX STEPPLING. I'M  
2   THE DIRECTOR OF CAMPAIGNS AND POLICY AT DIGNITY AND POWER NOW  
3   AS WELL AS A PROUD MEMBER OF THE JUSTICE L.A. COALITION. THANK  
4   YOU FOR THIS MOTION. THANK YOU FOR BEING WILLING TO TAKE AN  
5   INNOVATIVE AND BOLD APPROACH TO PRE-TRIAL REFORM. AS  
6   SUPERVISOR SOLIS MENTIONED EARLIER ABOUT BEING ONE OF THE  
7   LARGEST PRE-TRIAL POPULATIONS IN THE COUNTRY, WE ARE THE  
8   LARGEST PRE-TRIAL POPULATION IN THE COUNTRY. AND IT'S NOT EVEN  
9   CLOSE. WE ALL AIM TO DO AWAY WITH THAT DISTINCTION OF BEING  
10   NUMBER 1, NOT ONLY IN THE COUNTRY, BUT IN THE WORLD. AND WE DO  
11   NOT ACHIEVE THAT WITHOUT REAL PRE-TRIAL REFORM. AND WE DO NOT  
12   ACHIEVE REAL PRE-TRIAL REFORM IF RISK ASSESSMENTS ARE ATTACHED  
13   TO THAT REFORM. RISK ASSESSMENTS ARE IN EFFECT THE AUTOMATION  
14   OF RACIAL PROFILING. THEY CANNOT BE DIVORCED FROM THE BIASED  
15   FACTORS THAT INFORM THE WHOLE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. AND THE  
16   IDEA THAT THEY CAN BE VALIDATED IS A MISDIRECTION AND A  
17   MISLEADING. SO WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE GOING IN  
18   THIS EXCITING DIRECTION. WE COMMEND YOU. WE COMMEND YOUR  
19   BRAVERY. AND WE HOPE THAT WE CAN DO AWAY WITH RISK ASSESSMENT  
20   INSTRUMENTS.

21  
22   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

23  
24   **ZACHARY HUGHES:** HELLO, GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.  
25   MY NAME IS ZACHARY HUGHES IN REPRESENTATION OF COMMUNITY



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1 COALITION. I'M HERE WITH THE POSITION THAT WE DO NOT SUPPORT  
2 THE RISK ASSESSMENT TOOL CURRENTLY BECAUSE THE MOTION BLOCKS  
3 COMMUNITY INPUT. NOW, WHAT WE PROPOSE IS THAT WE INCORPORATE A  
4 NEW RISK ASSESSMENT PROGRAM THAT FOCUSES ON THE PEOPLE WITH  
5 MOST NEEDS IN THE COMMUNITY LIKE PEOPLE WHO ARE HOMELESS WHO  
6 HAVE BEEN ADDICTED TO DRUGS AND THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN AFFECTED  
7 BY MENTAL HEALTH. THE PROGRAM IS CALLED JENNY AND JESSE, WHICH  
8 HAS BEEN IN RELATION TO -- INCORPORATED IN SINEE, WHICH HAS  
9 BEEN INCORPORATED IN L.A.U.S.D., WHICH HAS BEEN VERY  
10 PROFITABLE. WE AT COMMUNITY COALITION WISH TO WORK CLOSELY  
11 WITH YOU AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE HELP  
12 IN FINDING OTHER COMMUNITY CENTERS THAT ARE WILLING TO HELP  
13 THOSE GOING THROUGH THE PRE-TRIAL ASSESSMENTS AND THE  
14 DIVERSION PROGRAMS IN ORDER TO FIND THE RIGHT HELP THAT THEY  
15 NEED. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

18

19 **PATRICIA GUERRA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS PATRICA GUERRA  
20 WITH COMMUNITY COALITION, THE DIRECTOR OF ORGANIZING. I'M ALSO  
21 HERE AS A FAMILY MEMBER RELATIVE OF MANY FOLKS WHO HAVE BEEN  
22 INCARCERATED WHO HAVE BEEN COMING BACK HOME WITH VERY LITTLE  
23 CAPACITY AND SUPPORT ON THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SIDE. AND SO I  
24 WANT TO SPEAK AND ECHO OF THE CONCERNS THAT HAVE BEEN LIFTED  
25 AMONG THE RISK ASSESSMENT TOOL. THE RISK ASSESSMENT IF

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1 VALIDATED WILL BE APPLIED TO FOLKS WHO HAVE BEEN COMING FROM  
2 MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES AND WILL FURTHER PERPETUATE RACIAL  
3 AND WEALTH DISPARITIES, SPECIFICALLY FOR COMMUNITIES OF COLOR  
4 LIKE SOUTH LOS ANGELES. MY SECOND POINT IS THAT I THINK THAT  
5 RIGHT NOW WOULD BE THE TIME TO REDO A ROBUST COMMUNITY  
6 ENGAGEMENT AND NOT DO BUSINESS AS USUAL THAT CAN REALLY ENGAGE  
7 THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN MOST SYSTEM IMPACTED AS WELL AS C.B.O.S.  
8 AND SO IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE JUST NOT ADVISE WITH DIFFERENT  
9 DEPARTMENT HEADS, BUT WE ACTUALLY GO INTO THE COMMUNITIES THAT  
10 HAVE BEEN MOST IMPACTED TO COME UP WITH REAL TANGIBLE  
11 SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS THE ROOT CAUSES OF PROBLEMS.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

14

15 **MIKE RUSSO:** GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYBODY. MY NAME IS MIKE RUSSO  
16 WITH THE ADVANCEMENT PROJECT. AGAIN EXCITED TO SEE THAT Y'ALL  
17 ARE MOVING AHEAD WITH BAIL REFORM, WHICH IS AN IMPORTANT STEP  
18 TOWARDS ENDING MASS INCARCERATION, ESPECIALLY IN LOS ANGELES  
19 COUNTY WHERE WE HAVE THE SECOND MOST RACIALLY DISPARATE  
20 INCARCERATION SYSTEM IN THE ENTIRE STATE. THE DETAILS MATTER A  
21 LOT, THOUGH. WE SHARE A LOT OF THESE CONCERNS ABOUT RISK  
22 ASSESSMENT TOOLS. JUST REITERATING THE RACIAL DISPARITIES THAT  
23 ARE ALREADY IN THE SYSTEM. AND WE WERE GRATIFIED TO SEE SOME  
24 OF OUR WORK CALLED OUT IN THE MOTION. WE'RE EXCITED TO WORK  
25 WITH YOU ALL TO SHARE SOME OF THE DATA THAT WE'VE COLLECTED.

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1 IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THAT'S ABOUT GUIDING RESOURCES AND HELPING  
2 INVEST IN COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES THAT CAN SUPPLANT THIS IDEA  
3 OF DELIVERING SERVICES WITHIN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM, WHICH WE  
4 KNOW DOES NOT WORK AS WELL. BUT CERTAINLY DATA IS NO  
5 SUBSTITUTE FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT. SO WE THINK A REALLY  
6 ROBUST PROCESS TO REALLY SPEAK WITH THE FOLKS AND THE  
7 NEIGHBORHOODS THAT ARE MOST IMPACTED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE  
8 IMPLEMENT THIS RIGHT IS REALLY IMPORTANT. AND WE LOOK FORWARD  
9 TO WORKING WITH YOU ALL ON THAT.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD NIAZ KASRAVI PLEASE  
14 COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY, GEORGE.

17

18 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** GEORGE BUZZETTI. DO YOU ALL REMEMBER FOUR  
19 YEARS AGO WHEN I CAME IN HERE AND SHUT DOWN YOUR STUPID JAIL  
20 PROGRAM? HUH? BECAUSE YOU FOOLS FOR 10 YEARS COULDN'T ANALYZE  
21 THE DAMN JAIL PROGRAM THAT VARIED RATIOS OF 2 TO 3 TO 1 IN  
22 DIFFERENCES OF COSTS AND SUCH. NOW, IN FOUR YEARS, YOU CAN'T  
23 FIGURE OUT WHAT THE HELL TO DO BECAUSE YOU'RE A BUNCH OF  
24 INCOMPETENT IDIOTS, OBVIOUSLY, AND SOCIOPATHS. WHAT WE  
25 DETERMINED TO DO THERE AND EVEN THAT IDIOT WHO'S ON MY FEDERAL

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1 INJUNCTION, JACKIE LACEY, CAME OUT AND SAID GEORGE IS RIGHT.  
2 WE'RE ONLY GOING TO DO HALF OF IT. WE'RE ONLY GOING TO PUT IN  
3 JAIL THE VIOLENT PEOPLE. AND THE REST WE WE'RE GOING PUT OUT  
4 AND GIVE THEM SERVICES. IN FOUR YEARS, HOW MANY LIVES HAVE YOU  
5 DESTROYED YOU SOCIOPATHIC PIGS? HUH? NOW, YOU DO THIS TO  
6 ADULTS. SO WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING TO THE YOUTH? I KNOW.  
7 BECAUSE YOU DON'T CARE IF 120 TO 150,000 COME TO SCHOOL AT  
8 L.A. UNIFIED BECAUSE YOU'RE PORKING UP DR. SHERIN AND YOUR  
9 CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

12

13 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** I KNOW YOU WOULDN'T LIKE THAT. IT'S THE  
14 TRUTH.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD. YOU GOT THE MIC.

17

18 **SAM ZIDOVETZKI:** HI, EVERYONE. THANKS FOR HAVING ME. MY NAME IS  
19 SAM ZIDOVETSKI. I'M AN E.R. DOCTOR. I TRAINED AT L.A. COUNTY.  
20 AND NOW I WORK IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY, ACTUALLY. I'M WITH THE  
21 JUSTICE L.A. COALITION. AND I FEEL A LITTLE BIT HELPLESS. I  
22 TREAT PATIENTS. AND I SEE PATIENTS EVERY DAY AS RECENTLY AS  
23 LAST NIGHT ON AN OVERNIGHT SHIFT, MENTALLY ILL PATIENTS WHO  
24 ARE ACUTELY PSYCHOTIC. AND THE LAST THING I WANT TO DO IS PUT  
25 THEM IN A PLACE THAT'S GOING TO WORSEN THEIR SYMPTOMS AND

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1    WORSEN THEIR PSYCHOSES. AND SO SOMETIMES I'M KIND OF FORCED TO  
2    PUT THEM IN JAIL AND HAVE THEM TAKEN BY POLICE OFFICERS TO  
3    JAIL. AND I WAS JUST HOPING THAT WE CAN HAVE A BETTER  
4    SOLUTION, A PRE-DIVERSION PROGRAM. SO THANKS FOR HEARING FROM  
5    ME.

6

7    **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR COMING. NEXT SPEAKER,  
8    PLEASE.

9

10    **MARK ANTHONY JOHNSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MARK  
11    ANTHONY JOHNSON WITH JUSTICE L.A. AND THE FRONTLINE WELLNESS  
12    NETWORK. I'M HERE JUST REALLY TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO TAKE A BOLD  
13    STEP TOWARDS PRE-TRIAL REFORM IN THIS MOMENT. YOU'VE MADE SOME  
14    COURAGEOUS STEPS AROUND THE WHOLE KIND OF ECOSYSTEM AROUND OUR  
15    JAILS, AND YET WE HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO. THE REALITY IS THAT  
16    IN ORDER FOR PRE-TRIAL REFORM TO WORK IN THIS COUNTY, ALL  
17    SYSTEMS HAVE TO BE FIRING TOWARD DECARCERATION AND WELL-BEING.  
18    I TALK TO PROVIDERS CONSISTENTLY. AND I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW  
19    MANY TIMES THEY ARE TELLING US ABOUT CLIENTS WHO SHOULD NOT  
20    HAVE ENDED UP IN JAIL, WHOSE FAMILY MEMBERS DIDN'T WANT THEM  
21    IN JAIL, WHO THE VICTIMS OF WHATEVER CHARGE ARE BEING CHARGED  
22    WITH DO NOT WANT THEM IN JAIL, AND YET THEY'RE ENDING UP IN  
23    JAIL PRE-TRIAL. WE HAVE TO BOOST UP OUR PRE-TRIAL SERVICES,  
24    REALLY ENHANCE AND RESOURCE COMMUNITY-BASED TREATMENT SO THAT  
25    THE ENTIRE ECOSYSTEM AN MOVE US TOWARDS DECARCERATION. AND

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1 LASTLY, I WANT TO PRESENT YOU WITH A PETITION THAT WE HAVE  
2 RIGHT NOW OF OVER 3,000 SIGNATURES FOR FOLKS WHO WANT YOU TO  
3 KEEP MOVING IN THIS DIRECTION OF BOLD PRE-TRIAL BUT ALSO NOT  
4 BUILD THIS MENTAL HEALTH JAIL. IT INCLUDES OVER 40 MENTAL  
5 HEALTH PROVIDERS IN THE JAIL, OVER 250 HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS IN  
6 THE COUNTRY, OVER 1,000 FOLKS INSIDE L.A., AND OVER 3,000  
7 FOLKS ACROSS THE STATE WHO ARE LOOKING AT THE DIRECTION THAT  
8 YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE HERE.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER,  
11 PLEASE.

12

13 **SHEILA PINKEL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS SHEILA  
14 PINKEL. I'M WITH CURB AND JUSTICE L.A. I SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT  
15 BEFORE YOU, BUT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THE RISK ASSESSMENT TOOL.  
16 IT INCLUDES CURRENT ZIP CODE AND EDUCATIONAL LEVEL  
17 INFORMATION, WHICH ARE POTENTIALLY RACIAL AND SOCIOECONOMIC  
18 WAYS THAT DISCRIMINATE BETWEEN PEOPLE. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT  
19 THE USE OF THIS INSTRUMENT WILL DOUBLE PRE-TRIAL DETAINEES. WE  
20 PROPOSE THAT THERE BE NO PRE-TRIAL DETENTION FOR LOW-LEVEL  
21 ALLEGED OFFENDERS AND JUDICIAL ASSESSMENT ON A CASE-BY-CASE  
22 BASIS FOR MORE SERIOUS PRE-TRIAL ALLEGED OFFENDERS. DOING AWAY  
23 WITH PRE-TRIAL INSTRUMENT IS CRUCIAL TO MAKING PRE-TRIAL  
24 PROCESS JUST AND REDUCE PEOPLE IN PRE-TRIAL DETENTION.

25

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1    **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

2

3    **LYDIA KIVES:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS LYDIA  
4    KIVES. AND I'M AN ATTORNEY WITH THE BAIL PROJECT. OUR NATIONAL  
5    REVOLVING BAIL FUND MODEL WHICH IS NOW OPERATIONAL IN SEVERAL  
6    CITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY INCLUDING COMPTON PAYS BAIL FOR LOW  
7    INCOME INDIVIDUALS AND THEN PROVIDES THEM WITH COURT DATE  
8    NOTIFICATIONS, REFERRALS TO VOLUNTARY SOCIAL SERVICES, AND  
9    ONGOING PRE-TRIAL SUPPORT INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AS  
10    NEEDED. TO DATE, OUR MODEL HAS SUPPORTED OVER 95 PERCENT OF  
11    CLIENTS IN MAKING ALL COURT APPEARANCES. ON BEHALF OF THE BAIL  
12    PROJECT, I COMMEND SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND KUEHL FOR INTRODUCING  
13    A MOTION THAT WOULD BEGIN THE CRITICALLY IMPORTANT PROCESS OF  
14    REFORMING THE PRE-TRIAL JUSTICE SYSTEM HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. WE  
15    BELIEVE THAT THE PRIMARY GOALS OF ANY REFORM PLAN MUST BE  
16    TWOFOLD AND CLEARLY STATED. FIRST, DRAMATICALLY REDUCE THE USE  
17    OF PRE-TRIAL DETENTION AND SECOND TO COMBAT THE RACIAL AND  
18    ECONOMIC DISPARITIES THAT PLAGUE THE SYSTEM. THROUGH OUR  
19    EXPERIENCES IN COMPTON AND ELSEWHERE, WE HAVE GAINED IMPORTANT  
20    INSIGHTS THAT WE ARE EAGER TO SHARE WITH THE BOARD AS IT  
21    DEVELOPS A MODEL FOR REFORM THAT ADVANCES THESE GOALS.

22

23    **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

24



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1   **MICHAEL NISHIMURA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS  
2   MICHAEL NISHIMURA. I'M A CLIENT ADVOCATE AT THE BAIL PROJECT.  
3   I WORK DIRECTLY WITH PEOPLE IN PRE-TRIAL DETENTION TO HELP  
4   ADVOCATE FOR THEIR RELEASE AND ASSIST WITH THEIR RETURN TO  
5   COURT. OUR EXPERIENCE IN COMPTON PROVES THAT PRE-TRIAL RELEASE  
6   TO ONE'S COMMUNITY WITH COURT NOTIFICATIONS AND SOCIAL  
7   SERVICES SUPPORT CONSTITUTES A VIABLE ALTERNATIVE TO  
8   UNAFFORDABLE CASH BAIL. ONE OF OUR FIRST CLIENTS IN COMPTON  
9   WAS A 57-YEAR-OLD MAN FROM LYNWOOD WHO SAT IN JAIL FOR 35 DAYS  
10   WITHOUT BEING CONVICTED OF ANYTHING SIMPLY BECAUSE HE COULDN'T  
11   AFFORD \$30,000 CASH BAIL. NEEDLESS TO SAY, SOMEONE FROM A MORE  
12   AFFLUENT NEIGHBORHOOD CHARGED WITH THE EXACT SAME THING WOULD  
13   NOT HAVE BEEN IN THE SAME SITUATION. THROUGH WORKING WITH HIS  
14   PUBLIC DEFENDER, TO REDUCE HIS BAIL, WE WERE ABLE TO SECURE  
15   HIS RELEASE AND CONNECT HIM WITH SOCIAL SERVICES TAILORED TO  
16   HIS NEED. BECAUSE HE FOUGHT HIS CASE FROM A POSITION OF  
17   LIBERTY, IN THE END, HIS CASE WAS DISMISSED, SOMETHING WE  
18   FREQUENTLY SEE WHEN PEOPLE CAN MAKE DECISIONS ABOUT THEIR  
19   CASES BASED ON LAW AND EVIDENCE RATHER THAN DESPERATION. HAD  
20   MY CLIENT BEEN REDUCED TO RISK FACTORS, HIS NEEDS SEEN THROUGH  
21   THE LENS OF RISK, HE WOULD HAVE BEEN SITTING IN JAIL STILL OR  
22   HAVE PLED OUT, NO TRIAL, NO EVIDENCE, JUST TO GET OUT. LIKE  
23   UNAFFORDABLE CASH BAIL, RISK ASSESSMENTS TURN THE PRESUMPTION  
24   OF INNOCENCE ON ITS HEAD. I URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO  
25   REJECT THIS APPROACH.

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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4 **JEREMY TRAMER:** I'M JEREMY TRAMER. I'M A RESIDENT OF SUPERVISOR  
5 KUEHL'S DISTRICT. AND I'M ALSO WITH WHITE PEOPLE FOR BLACK  
6 LIVES. WE SUPPORT ENDING MONEY BAIL, BUT WE DO NOT WANT TO  
7 REPLACE IT WITH ANOTHER DISCRIMINATORY SYSTEM. WE DO NOT WANT  
8 TO REPLACE ONE SYSTEM OF CAGING PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOT BEEN  
9 COMMITTED OF A CRIME WITH ANOTHER SYSTEM OF CAGING PEOPLE WHO  
10 HAVE NOT BEEN CONVICTED OF A CRIME. I URGE ALL OF YOU TO  
11 LISTEN TO THESE EXPERTS, NOT JUST ACADEMIC EXPERTS, BUT PEOPLE  
12 WHO ARE EXPERTS BECAUSE THEY'VE ACTUALLY LIVED THROUGH THE  
13 BLATANT INJUSTICE OF OUR BAIL SYSTEM. I THINK THAT SUPERVISOR  
14 SOLIS AND KUEHL WANT TO BE ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF HISTORY WITH  
15 THIS WHICH IS WHY THEY'VE INTRODUCE THIS HAD MOTION. I WANT TO  
16 MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THESE ACTIVISTS WHO HAVE SO FORCEFULLY AND  
17 CONVINCINGLY SPOKEN OUT AGAINST MONEY BAIL ARE ALSO AGAINST  
18 SPENDING BILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO BUILD TWO NEW JAILS IN THIS  
19 COUNTY. AND THE FIGHT AGAINST THESE JAILS IS UNMISTAKABLY  
20 ANOTHER FRONT IN THE SAME BATTLE. SO IF YOU'RE AGAINST THIS  
21 MONEY BAIL AND YOU WANT TO BE ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF HISTORY  
22 THERE, BE ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THESE JAILS, AS WELL AND OPPOSE  
23 THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO NEW JAILS. THANK YOU.

24

25 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1

2   **JACOB JACKSON:** HOW ARE Y'ALL DOING? JACOB JACKSON WITH YOUTH  
3 JUSTICE COALITION. I JUST WANT TO SAY, WHAT DO YOU CALL IT,  
4 I'M NOT FOR FINES, FEES, AND BAILS AND ALL THAT BECAUSE, YOU  
5 FEEL ME, I'M IN THE SITUATION RIGHT NOW WHERE MY MOM'S 66  
6 YEARS OLD. SHE'S STILL WORKING TO JOBS. SHE WORKS AT NIGHT,  
7 TOO. SO SHE AIN'T ALWAYS HOME. AND YOU FEEL ME, SHE'S AN OLD  
8 WOMAN. SHE SHOULD BE GETTING REST. SHE SHOULD BE TIRED. SHE  
9 SHOULD BE PROVIDING IN A DIFFERENT WAY. BUT THEY DENIED HER  
10 HER REQUEST TO GET MONEY. SO IT'S LIKE REALLY HARD TO ASK  
11 SOMEBODY TO DO SOMETHING IF THEY AIN'T GOT NOTHING TO GIVE.  
12 IT'S REALLY WRONG TO SAY PRE-TRIAL, TOO, BECAUSE HOW YOU GOING  
13 TO HAVE SOMEBODY PLED GUILTY EVEN THOUGH THEY MIGHT HAVE  
14 COMMITTED THE ACT, THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING DONE FOR THE RIGHT  
15 REASONS. AND THEY SHOULDN'T BE ALWAYS BE SENTENCED FOR A  
16 LONGER SENTENCE THAN THEY SHOULD. NO MATTER WHAT THE COST IS,  
17 I JUST FEEL LIKE WE SHOULD JUST NOT PASS THAT. SO YEAH.

18

19   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. LAST SPEAKER.

20

21   **DR. NIAZ KASRAVI:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS DR. NIAZ KASRAVI.  
22 AND I'M THE FOUNDER AND DIRECTOR OF THE AVALON INSTITUTE FOR  
23 APPLIED RESEARCH. I'VE BEEN DOING RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY ON  
24 CRIMINAL JUSTICE ISSUES FOR THE PAST 18 YEARS. AN ALGORITHM IS  
25 A POOR PREDICTOR OF A PERSON'S POTENTIAL. RISK ASSESSMENTS USE

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1 ALGORITHMS WHICH ARE, ESSENTIALLY, AS YOU KNOW, MATHEMATICAL  
2 EQUATIONS REDUCING HUMAN BEINGS TO STATISTICS. AND WHO ARE  
3 THESE HUMAN BEINGS WE'RE TALKING ABOUT? IT'S L.A.'S CURRENT  
4 AND FUTURE PRE-TRIAL POPULATIONS AND MOSTLY PEOPLE WHO ARE  
5 POOR AND MOSTLY PEOPLE OF COLOR. NOW, THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
6 SYSTEM IS INDEED IN NEED OF MAJOR REFORM. AND I COMMEND THE  
7 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR TACKLING A KEY COMPONENT OF THAT  
8 REFORM, WHICH IS PRE-TRIAL DETENTION AND BAIL REFORM. BUT WE  
9 MUST NOT REPEAT THE MISTAKES OF THE PAST, ONE OF WHICH IS  
10 EGREGIOUS AND EXTREME RACIAL DISPARITIES. AND RISK ASSESSMENT  
11 TOOLS INHERENTLY RELY ON DISPARITIES THAT EXIST WITHIN THE  
12 CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM SUCH AS, AS YOU KNOW, CRIMINAL  
13 HISTORY, A PERSON'S SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS, AND THEIR  
14 NEIGHBORHOOD, FOR EXAMPLE. SO I URGE YOU TO COME UP WITH A  
15 BETTER SUBSTITUTION THAN REPEATING MISTAKES.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

18

19 **NIAZ KASRAVI:** THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND THEN SUPERVISOR BARGER.

22

23 **SUP. SOLIS:** I WANT TO THANK ALL THE INDIVIDUALS WHO CAME  
24 FORWARD TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. OBVIOUSLY, WE HAVE SOME  
25 TREMENDOUS CHALLENGES AT STAKE IN PART IN SACRAMENTO WITH

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1 LEGISLATION THAT WAS PASSED THAT NOW MAY SET US BACK A BIT.  
2 THAT'S WHY WE'RE MOVING IN THIS DIRECTION. THAT'S WHAT THIS  
3 MOTION ATTEMPTS TO DO, TO BRING, I THINK, THE BEST OF MINDS  
4 TOGETHER SO THAT WE CAN REALLY SET A GOOD EXAMPLE OF WHAT  
5 COULD BE DONE IN ONE OF THE LARGEST COUNTY WITH THE LARGEST  
6 NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE DETAINED AND HELD WITH  
7 SOMETIMES OUTRAGEOUS BAIL THAT IN MANY CASES IS, AS WE'VE  
8 HEARD TODAY, NOT EFFECTIVE AND CAN RUIN THE LIVES OF MANY  
9 PEOPLE. I WOULD ASK, MADAM CHAIR, THAT BEFORE WE MOVE ON THE  
10 MOTION THAT WE MAKE AN ADJUSTMENT TO INCLUDE A VICTIM RIGHTS  
11 ORGANIZATION. SUPERVISOR BARGER WOULD LIKE, AND I'VE ACCEPTED  
12 THAT, TO ALLOW FOR THOSE ORGANIZATIONS TO BE A PART OF THE  
13 GROUPS CONSULTED IN DEVELOPING THE RECOMMENDATIONS AS WE MOVE  
14 IMPORTANT WARD.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, WITHOUT OBJECTION. SUPERVISOR  
17 BARGER?

18

19 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. I WOULD ACTUALLY LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR  
20 AGREEING TO PUT THAT IN. WHILE THIS IS CERTAINLY NOT A GENDER  
21 ISSUE, IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT ROUGHLY 80 PERCENT OF OUR  
22 INMATE POPULATION IS MEN. CONVERSELY, OVER 65 PERCENT OF THE  
23 VICTIM POPULATION IS WOMEN. I BELIEVE THAT THERE IS A FINAL  
24 PIECE MISSING FROM THE PUZZLE. AND INCLUDING THEIR PERSPECTIVE  
25 WILL HELP CREATE A BETTER INFORMED POLICY IN THIS SPACE. AND

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1 SO I APPRECIATE YOU ACCEPTING THAT AND BRINGING IN THAT  
2 AMENDMENT. SO WITH THAT, I'D MOVE.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. ITEM 12 IS BEFORE US AS  
5 AMENDED. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR  
6 BARGER TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO A  
7 UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. AND NOW WE ARE AT 52-  
8 A, HELD BY ME. OKAY. COLLEAGUES, THE REASON I BROUGHT THIS  
9 FORWARD IS BECAUSE WE'VE HAD SEVERAL INCIDENTS IN MARINA DEL  
10 REY JUST IN JANUARY. ON JANUARY 11TH, AN ATTEMPT TO SEAL AN  
11 ABANDONED OIL WELL ON A CONSTRUCTION SITE LED TO A BLOWOUT OF  
12 NATURAL GAS, WATER, AND MUD UP TO A HEIGHT OF 100 FEET. AND  
13 THEN JUST LAST WEEK, ON JANUARY 31ST, A GAS LEAK WAS  
14 DISCOVERED IN THE MARINA NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF VIA MARINA  
15 AND MARQUESAS WAY. AND OUR STATE'S DIVISION OF OIL, GAS, AND  
16 GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES, ALSO KNOWN AS DOGGER, THE GOVERNOR'S  
17 OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES, A.Q.M.D., AS WELL AS OUR OWN  
18 COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH,  
19 AND THE DEPARTMENT OF BEACHES AND HARBORS HAVE BEEN MONITORING  
20 BOTH OF THESE SITUATIONS CLOSELY. AND WHILE THEY'VE CONTINUED  
21 TO REPORT TO OUR RELIEF THAT THERE IS NO GREAT PUBLIC THREAT  
22 OR THREAT TO SAFETY IN EITHER ONE OF THESE INCIDENTS, YOU CAN  
23 IMAGINE WHAT THE NEARBY RESIDENTS WERE FEELING EVERY TIME THEY  
24 GOT LITTLE SNIPPETS OF INFORMATION ABOUT THESE TWO INCIDENCES.  
25 SO THE COMMUNICATION TO THE SURROUNDING AREA WAS INCONSISTENT.

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1 IT WAS CONFUSING. AND IT REALLY WASN'T TIMELY. AND I THINK IN  
2 THESE INSTANCES, NUMBER ONE, GREAT, NO LOSS OF LIFE. NO THREAT  
3 TO PUBLIC SAFETY. BUT YOU ALL KNOW THAT COMMUNICATION IS SO  
4 IMPORTANT WHEN WE RESPOND TO THESE INCIDENTS. I MEAN, WHEN  
5 YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING THAT INVOLVED OIL WELL BLOWOUTS, THE  
6 VIDEO OF THIS WAS PRETTY SHOCKING, AND GAS LEAKS, OUR  
7 RESIDENTS, NATURALLY WILL LOOK TO US FOR ACCURATE INFORMATION.  
8 SO I WANTED THE TWO DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE MOST DIRECTLY  
9 INVOLVED IN THE RESPONSE TO ANY OF THESE CRITICAL INCIDENTS,  
10 COUNTY FIRE AND PUBLIC HEALTH, TO TAKE A LOOK AT OUR  
11 COMMUNICATIONS PROTOCOLS AND SEE WHAT CAN BE DONE TO MAKE SURE  
12 THAT THE PUBLIC IS INFORMED OF AN EVENT AT THE INITIAL MOMENT  
13 AND IS KEPT APPRAISED ON A REGULAR BASIS IN A CLEAR  
14 UNDERSTANDABLE WAY AND REPORT BACK TO US. SO THAT'S WHAT THIS  
15 IS ABOUT. OH, SUPERVISOR BARGER.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER:** I JUST HAVE TO THANK YOU FOR THIS. I KNOW WHEN  
18 ALISO CANYON OCCURRED, THAT WAS ONE OF THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES  
19 EVEN THE BECAUSE OF THE JURISDICTION AS IT RELATES TO WHO'S IN  
20 CHARGE AND WHO'S THE LEAD AND ALL THAT. SO I THINK IT IS  
21 IMPORTANT FOR US TO LOOK AT WAYS TO BETTER IMPROVE  
22 COMMUNICATION. AND SO I REALLY SUPPORT THIS AND AM GLAD YOU'RE  
23 BRINGING IT FORWARD.

24



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1   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. DO WE HAVE ANY  
2   MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS US ON THIS  
3   ITEM?

4

5   **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD ERIC PREVEN,  
6   ANTONIA RAMIREZ, CYRUS DUNNHAM, PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF  
7   WILL ASSIST YOU.

8

9   **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM THE  
10   THIRD DISTRICT. AND I CERTAINLY APPRECIATE THE NEED TO MAKE  
11   SURE THAT WE'RE COMMUNICATING BETTER, ESPECIALLY THE FIRST  
12   RESPONDERS ON THE DAY WHEN WE HAVE CRISES. BUT I DON'T WANT TO  
13   DIRECT ANYBODY TO DO ANYTHING STUPID LIKE WE DID WITH THE  
14   MOTOROLA DEAL AND L.A. RICKS AND GIVE AWAY THE STORE THEREBY  
15   COSTING SMALL MEMBERS OF THE 88 CITY/COUNTY MUCH BIGGER COSTS  
16   TO GET INTO THE PROGRAM. SO LET'S JUST MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE  
17   KEEPING IT ON POINT. THEN THE MALIBU COMMUNITY HAD A SERIES  
18   OF, I KNOW SUPERVISOR KUEHL IS TAKING A BREAK AFTER THAT. THEY  
19   ARE NOT HAPPY, I'LL BE HONEST WITH YOU. THEY FEEL THAT THERE'S  
20   A DEFICIENCY. I WAS READING ABOUT IT IN THE MALIBU TIMES  
21   NEWSPAPER. THEY WERE FURIOUS ABOUT THE RESPONSE. NOW THAT IT'S  
22   ALL SHUFFLING DOWN, AND CHIEF OSBY WENT OUT THERE AND TRIED TO  
23   STAND UP. AND THEY DIDN'T THROW STUFF AT HIM, BUT THEY WERE  
24   VERY UPSET. SO KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

25

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1    **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

2

3    **ANTONIA RAMIREZ:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I  
4    THINK THIS IS A WONDERFUL IDEA. IT'S A NEW INNOVATIVE IDEA. I  
5    DON'T KNOW HOW YOU'RE GOING TO PUT IT INTO PLACE, CONSIDERING  
6    YOU'VE GOT SEVERAL AGENCIES AND INTERAUXILIARY AGENCIES, AND  
7    HOW YOU'RE REALLY GOING TO FRAME IT AND STREAMLINE AND PUT IT  
8    OUT TO THE PUBLIC. THAT'S GOING TO BE A CHALLENGE BECAUSE, FOR  
9    INSTANCE, WE HAVE THE HOMELESS SITUATION AND POVERTY CREATED  
10    BY THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, ERIC GARCETTI AND CITY ATTORNEY  
11    MICHAEL FEUER. THE PROBLEM IS THAT RIGHT NOW WE DON'T HAVE  
12    SLEEPING BAGS AND TENTS. THAT HAPPENS TO BE ONE OF THE BIGGEST  
13    DILEMMAS THAT FALLS UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND  
14    SAFETY. AND MOST OF THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN WHO ARE HOMELESS  
15    PRESENTLY ARE GETTING THEIR STUFF ROBBED. AND WE'RE BEING  
16    ATTACKED AND VIOLATED EVERY WHICH WAY IN OUR EXISTENCE THERE  
17    ON THE STREETS. SO IF I COULD HAVE PEOPLE COME OUT AND PROVIDE  
18    US WITH TENTS AND ALL SORTS OF SUPPLIES AND BLANKETS ON MAIN  
19    STREET BETWEEN FIRST AND TEMPLE, THAT WOULD REALLY BE  
20    APPRECIATED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

21

22    **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DO WE HAVE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE  
23    PUBLIC ON THIS ITEM?

24

25    **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** NO OTHER SPEAKERS, MADAM CHAIR.

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO ITEM 52-A IS BEFORE US. IT'S MOVED  
3 BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE  
4 THIS ITEM. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE,  
5 THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. NOW AT THIS TIME, IT WOULD BE  
6 APPROPRIATE TO HEAR FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE  
7 REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS NOT HELD  
8 BY THE SUPERVISORS. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THOSE  
9 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS  
10 ITEM.

11

12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** MADAM CHAIR, THERE WAS 20 PEOPLE THAT  
13 SIGNED UP FOR AGENDA 15. I RECOMMEND A MINUTE FOR THIS ITEM,  
14 SUPERVISOR.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES.

17

18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE  
19 COME FORWARD. JOBERT POBLETE, JUSTIN KEY, MARK ANTHONY CLAYTON  
20 JOHNSON, GREGORY GABRELLAS, JOEL BRASLOW, JEREMY LEVENSON,  
21 REEGIE BUNCH, IVETTE ALE, IAN SCHIFFER, EUNISSES HERNANDEZ,  
22 STEPHANIE PARK, JULIE ALLEY, LEX STEPPLING, SHEILA PINKEL,  
23 JENNIFER LAVORIN, ISABELLA MORTON, SAMUEL ZIDOVETZKI, MICHAEL  
24 PULIDO, ANN CRAWFORD-ROBERTS, AND SAMSER SAMRA, JEREMY TRAMER  
25 PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

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1

2 **SUP. BARGER:** VERY GOOD, WITH THAT, FIRST SPEAKER, GO AHEAD WHO  
3 WANTS TO GO FIRST? GO AHEAD.

4

5 **ANN CRAWFORD-ROBERTS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ANN CRAWFORD-  
6 ROBERTS. AND I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF JOBERT POBLETE WHO  
7 IS ONE OF MY COLLEAGUES AND WAS HERE EARLIER AND HAD TO LEAVE.  
8 HE SAYS, "I AM A SECOND YEAR PSYCHIATRY RESIDENT AT U.C.L.A.  
9 IN THE WEST LOS ANGELES V.A. I'M HERE TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF  
10 EXPANDING DIVERSION AND EXPANDING MENTAL HEALTHCARE MORE  
11 GENERALLY IN OUR COMMUNITY. I'M ALSO HERE TO OPPOSE THE PLAN  
12 TO SPEND BILLIONS TO A NEW MENTAL HEALTH JAIL. I OPPOSE JAIL  
13 PLAN BECAUSE PEOPLE WHO ARE STRUGGLING WITH MENTAL ILLNESS  
14 SHOULD BE TREATED AS FELLOW CITIZENS IN NEED OF HEALTHCARE AND  
15 NOT AS CRIMINALS. EVERY DAY I WORK WITH PATIENTS WHO ARE  
16 BROUGHT BY POLICE FOR ENGAGING IN BEHAVIORS CAUSED BY THEIR  
17 MENTAL ILLNESS. THEY OFTEN COME TO US IN A STATE OF FEAR,  
18 CONFUSION, AGITATION, AND PARANOIA. JAILS ARE THE WRONG  
19 SETTING TO MANAGE THESE PATIENTS. THEY NEED CLINICIANS TRAINED  
20 TO DEESCALATE AND BUILD THERAPEUTIC ALLIANCE. THEY NEED  
21 SPECIALIZED SERVICES TO HELP THEM GET THROUGH THEIR CRISES AND  
22 PREVENT RELAPSE AND PROMOTE WELLNESS. IT IS SHAMEFUL THAT SO  
23 MANY PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS ARE IN OUR JAILS AND SHAMEFUL  
24 THAT TWIN TOWERS IS ONE OF THE LARGEST MENTAL HEALTH  
25 INSTITUTIONS IN THE COUNTRY. SPENDING BILLIONS ON A NEW JAIL

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1 WOULD ONLY REINFORCE THE SHAMEFUL AND DYSFUNCTIONAL STATUS  
2 QUO. WE SHOULD INVEST IN ALTERNATIVES INCLUDING RAMPING UP  
3 DIVERSION AND INCREASING INVESTMENT IN OUR WHOLE CONTINUING  
4 AND MENTAL HEALTHCARE." THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

7

8 **MARK ANTHONY JOHNSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU  
9 AGAIN. MARK ANTHONY JOHNSON, FRONTLINE WELLNESS NETWORK AND  
10 JUSTICE L.A. COMING TO PRESENT SEVERAL LETTERS HERE FROM  
11 HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS WHO REALLY WANT YOU TO KNOW THE IMPACT OF  
12 JAILS AND INCARCERATION ON TREATMENT. THE REALITY IS THAT  
13 INCARCERATION NOT ONLY INTERRUPTS TREATMENT BUT ACTUALLY  
14 UNDERMINES IT IN THE FUTURE. SO MANY OF OUR FOLKS WHO SHOULD  
15 BE DIVERTED INTO COMMUNITY-BASED TREATMENT ARE ENDING UP  
16 INCARCERATED. EVERY SINGLE WEEK I'M HEARING FROM PROVIDERS,  
17 CLIENTS WHO HAVE LOVED ONES, WHO HAVE FOLKS THAT THEY'RE  
18 WORKING WITH, WHOSE FAMILIES ARE CALLING TO THEM FOR HOW CAN  
19 WE GET THEIR LOVED ONES OUT OF JAILS BECAUSE THEY DO NOT WANT  
20 THEM INSIDE. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT STEP, CONTINUING TO RESOURCE  
21 DIVERSION ON A MASS SCALE. THAT IS WHAT WE NEED. AND WHAT WE  
22 HAVE HERE ARE LETTERS FROM PROVIDERS WHO REALLY WANT YOU TO  
23 KNOW THE STORIES, THE TREATMENT CONDITIONS THAT ARE NEEDED IN  
24 ORDER TO SCALE UP DIVERSION IN AN EFFECTIVE WAY, NOT TO SPEND  
25 THAT MONEY ON BILLIONS AND BILLIONS AND BILLIONS OF JAIL CELLS

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1 -- EXCUSE ME, BILLIONS OF DOLLARS ON JAIL CELLS. THAT IS WHAT  
2 OUR MANDATE IS TODAY.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. IF YOU LEAVE THOSE LETTERS OR HAND  
5 THEM IN, WE'LL PUT THEM INTO PUBLIC RECORD.

6

7 **SAM ZIDOVETZKI:** HI, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS SAM. AGAIN, I'M ONE  
8 OF THE E.R. DOCTORS THAT WORKS CLOSELY WITH MENTALLY ILL  
9 PATIENTS IN MY EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT. I STRONGLY OPPOSE PUTTING  
10 THEM IN A SITUATION THAT WILL MAKE THEIR ILLNESSES EVEN WORSE.  
11 I SEE PATIENTS WHO ARE BROUGHT IN IN SHACKLES SURROUNDED BY  
12 LAW ENFORCEMENT, ONLY MAKING THEIR SYMPTOMS WORSE. AND IT KIND  
13 OF CONTRIBUTES TO A CYCLE THAT WORSENS THEIR ILLNESS AND  
14 WORSENS EVERYONE'S SITUATION. SO PLEASE HELP ME HELP MY  
15 PATIENTS. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU.

18

19 **JEREMY LEVENSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON. AS I SAID EARLIER, MY NAME IS  
20 JEREMY LEVENSON. I'M AN M.D./P.H.D. STUDENT AT U.C.L.A. I  
21 STUDY JAIL MENTAL HEALTHCARE BOTH IN L.A. AND ALSO IN NEW YORK  
22 CITY. I JUST WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE RESEARCH IS FAIRLY  
23 CLEAR. FIRST, SECURITY AND ORDER ROUTINELY ARE PRIORITIZED  
24 OVER PATIENT CARE IN JAIL FACILITIES. AND SECOND THAT PATIENTS  
25 WITH PSYCHIATRIC DISABILITIES WORSEN IN JAIL ENVIRONMENTS.

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1 THEY LACK CONTACT WITH FAMILIES. THEY ALSO LACK THE FULL RANGE  
2 OF THERAPEUTIC POSSIBILITIES THAT THEY REALLY NEED FOR THEIR  
3 DISABILITY. THE POINTS TOGETHER SUGGEST OR EMPHASIZE JUST HOW  
4 MUCH MENTAL HEALTHCARE IN JAILS IS ULTIMATELY FUNDAMENTALLY  
5 LIMITED. THEY ALSO DEMAND THE QUESTION WHY THESE PEOPLE ARE  
6 PUT IN THE JAILS IN THE FIRST PLACE. SO WE NEED MORE MENTAL  
7 HEALTH BEDS. WE NEED MORE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. BUT WE ALSO  
8 NEED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT MENTAL HEALTHCARE IN A JAIL IS ALWAYS  
9 GOING TO BE LIMITED. AND IT'S INHERENTLY CONTRADICTORY. SO AS  
10 A PRIORITY, THE PRIORITY SHOULD, WITH THAT SAID, BE AGAIN  
11 DECRIMINALIZATION AND DECARCERATION. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

14

15 **LEX STEPPLING:** GOOD AFTERNOON AGAIN. THIS IS LEX STEPPLING  
16 FROM DIGNITY AND POWER NOW. I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO  
17 UNDERSTAND THAT, AS A COUNTY, WE HAVE A LOT OF CATCHING UP TO  
18 DO. THERE ARE LARGER AND MORE THRIVING DIVERSION  
19 INFRASTRUCTURES IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY. AND THEY'RE  
20 STILL NOT BIG ENOUGH. WE HAVE A LOT OF CATCHING UP TO DO  
21 BEFORE WE CAN EVEN BEGIN TO HAVE THE MORE DIFFICULT  
22 CONVERSATIONS. AND IF WE START TO SCALE UP DIVERSION IN L.A.  
23 COUNTY, THE IMPACTS WILL BE POSITIVE IN AN EXPONENTIAL WAY FOR  
24 FAMILIES ACROSS GENERATIONS. WHEN WE THINK ABOUT  
25 INCARCERATION, WHEN WE THINK ABOUT PUTTING PEOPLE WHO NEED



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1 CARE INTO A CAGE, WHAT WE DO IS WE COST FAMILIES AN  
2 OPPORTUNITY TO HEAL. WE COST FAMILIES AN OPPORTUNITY TO ADJUST  
3 FINANCIALLY. WE COST FAMILIES AN OPPORTUNITY TO NAME TRAUMA IN  
4 THE FIRST PLACE. AND WHAT WE REALLY DO IS PERPETUATE THE  
5 PROBLEMS THAT WE ALL NAME AS PROBLEMS THAT WE CLAIM WE WANT TO  
6 DO SOMETHING ABOUT. A VERY TANGIBLE AND VERY POSSIBLE STEP  
7 FORWARD IS EXPANDING DIVERSION. AND WE HAVE A LOT OF IT TO DO.  
8 SO LET'S START NOW AND CONTINUE TO SCALE IT UPWARDS BECAUSE WE  
9 ALL WILL BENEFIT FROM IT.

10

11 **IVETTE ALE:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. AGAIN, MY NAME IS  
12 IVETTE ALE. I'M WITH CALIFORNIANS UNITED FOR A RESPONSIBLE  
13 BUDGET AND THE JUSTICE L.A. COALITION. EVERY WEEK THAT I COME  
14 TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I'M MORE AND MORE ENCOURAGED THAT  
15 THIS BOARD IS DIFFERENT, THAT YOU ALL ARE ACTUALLY INVESTING  
16 IN THE ALTERNATIVES THAT COMMUNITY HAS BEEN ADVOCATING FOR FOR  
17 DECADES. I SEE THIS. I SEE YOU. COMMUNITY SEES THIS. AND WE  
18 WANT TO RECOGNIZE THAT, WHILE YOU ARE INVESTING IN  
19 ALTERNATIVES, THERE'S STILL THE LOOMING THREAT OF  
20 INCARCERATION AND EXPANDING OUR CURRENT CARCERAL SYSTEM WHICH  
21 IS BURSTING AT THE SEAMS. SO WHILE WE ARE MOVING GREAT MOTIONS  
22 FORWARD, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR  
23 KUEHL FOR PUTTING THIS FORWARD, WE ALSO HAVE TO BE INVESTING  
24 IN THE DECARCERATION EFFORTS THAT THE COMMUNITY IS CALLING  
25 FOR. AND THIS IS PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION, INVESTMENT IN TREATMENT

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1 AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES OUTSIDE OF JAILS AND OUTSIDE OF LAW  
2 ENFORCEMENT. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

5

6 **EUNISSES HERNANDEZ:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON. THIS IS EUNISSES  
7 HERNANDEZ AGAIN WITH JUST LEADERSHIP U.S.A. AND A MEMBER OF  
8 THE JUSTICE L.A. COALITION. I'D LIKE TO APPLAUD THIS MOTION  
9 BEING BROUGHT FORWARD. THE INTENT IS GOOD. WHAT IT'S GOING DO  
10 IS GOOD. BUT SOMETHING THAT WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT'S NOT  
11 LOST IS THAT ANY RESOURCES, ANY NEW RESOURCES THAT ARE BEING  
12 PUT INTO THE COUNTY FOR THESE TYPE OF SERVICES, WE URGE THEM  
13 TO BE PUT IN THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OR OTHER HEALTH  
14 AGENCIES, FOR THOSE NOT TO GO INTO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
15 SYSTEM. WE'D ALSO LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THAT Y'ALL ARE DOING A LOT  
16 OF GREAT WORK, BUT NEXT WEEK IS GOING TO BE A BIG DECISION.  
17 AND THIS MOTION COULD REALLY TAKE US SOMEWHERE WHERE WE DON'T  
18 NEED TO BUILD A JAIL TO PUT PEOPLE WHO HAVE MENTAL HEALTH  
19 NEEDS. SO JUST TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION ALL THE EFFORTS THAT  
20 YOU'RE PUTTING TOGETHER BECAUSE YOU ARE DIFFERENT THAN THE  
21 LAST BOARD. AND SO DON'T THINK THAT JUST BECAUSE THE LAST  
22 BOARD PUT THIS JAIL PLAN FORWARD THAT YOU HAVE TO CONTINUE IT  
23 BECAUSE YOU DON'T. YOU CAN MAKE YOUR OWN DECISIONS. IT'S A NEW  
24 POLITICAL LANDSCAPE. THE COMMUNITY IS BEHIND YOU. ONCE AGAIN,  
25 WE URGE YOU NOT TO PUT ANY NEW RESOURCES INTO LIKE LAW

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1 ENFORCEMENT AND SUPERVISION, BUT IF YOU'RE GOING TO DO THIS  
2 AND DO IT RIGHT, IT SHOULD BE TO BUILD COMMUNITY-BASED  
3 SERVICES. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, DO YOU WANT  
6 TO READ SOME MORE NAMES?

7

8 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES, WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS  
9 PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME. ANTONIA RAMIREZ HAS  
10 REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS, 2, 9,  
11 13, 15, 17, 19, 20, 45, 47, 49, 52-C, CS-1, CS-2, AND CS-3.  
12 PHAL SOK HAS REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON 15 AND 45.  
13 GEORGE BUZZETTI ON ITEM 2. JOSEPH PETTIT ON ITEM 15 AND 45.  
14 BIG MONEY GRIFFIN ON ITEM 47. JOSEPH MAIZLISH ON ITEMS 2 AND  
15 15. ERIC PREVEN ON ITEMS 2, 9, 13, 17, 19, 20, 21, 45, 47, 49,  
16 AND 52-C.

17

18 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. YOU'RE THE NEXT SPEAKER. GO AHEAD.

19

20 **SHAMSHER SAMRA:** MY NAME'S SHAMSHER SAMRA. I'M AN E.R. DOCTOR.  
21 I WORK IN THE COUNTY EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS HERE BUT THEN ALSO  
22 IN THE JAIL HERE CLINICALLY. SO I WANTED TO COME HERE TO SAY I  
23 SUPPORT DIVERSION EFFORTS, BUT I ALSO WANT TO SUPPORT EFFORTS  
24 FOR DECARCERATION. I THINK ANYONE WHO HAS SPENT ANY TIME  
25 WORKING CLINICALLY IN THE JAIL WILL RECOGNIZE THERE'S NO SUCH

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1    THING AS A HEALTHY JAIL. THE LIMITATIONS IN TERMS OF THE CARE  
2    WITHIN JAILS, WHETHER IT'S PHYSICAL HEALTH OR MENTAL HEALTH,  
3    IS REALLY A RESULT OF THE PRIORITIZATION OF PENALIZATION AND  
4    PUNISHMENT OVER HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE  
5    IN THE CARCERAL SETTING. I ALSO WORK IN THE EMERGENCY  
6    DEPARTMENT. AND LIKE THE GENTLEMAN SAID EARLIER, EVERY DAY WE  
7    RUN INTO SITUATIONS WHERE PEOPLE CAN'T FIND MENTAL HEALTH  
8    BEDS, WHERE PEOPLE CAN'T ACCESS THE SERVICES THEY NEED IN  
9    THEIR COMMUNITIES. SO IT'S REALLY TRAGIC TO SEE THESE  
10   INDIVIDUALS END UP IN JAIL WHERE WE ARE THINKING OR WE'RE  
11   PROPOSING PUTTING ADDITIONAL FUNDS. SO I WANT TO OPPOSE ANY  
12   ADDITIONAL FUNDING GOING TOWARDS A MENTAL HEALTH JAIL AND  
13   SUPPORT RESOURCES IN THE COMMUNITY TO IMPROVE MENTAL HEALTH  
14   SERVICES. THANK YOU.

15

16   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

17

18   **SPEAKER:** HI. I COMMEND YOU FOR HAVING THIS ITEM 15. AND I ALSO  
19   WANT TO SAY THAT PRE-TRIALS, LIKE THE DECARCERATION ASPECT OF  
20   ALL OF THESE THINGS AND THE DECRIMINALIZATION IS IMPORTANT.  
21   BUT I DO THINK WHAT MONEY WE HAVE FOR MENTAL HEALTH SHOULD BE  
22   GOING IN COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES,  
23   NOT LAW ENFORCEMENT. IT SHOULD ALWAYS BE FOR HEALTH SERVICES.  
24   YOU JUST CAN'T GET WELL IN A CELL.

25

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1    **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

2

3    **JEREMY TRAMER:** HI, I'M JEREMY TRAMER. I LIVE IN DISTRICT 3.

4    AND I'M WITH WHITE PEOPLE FOR BLACK LIVES. AND SHE JUST TOOK

5    THE WORDS RIGHT OUT OF MY MOUTH. I WAS GOING TO SAY YOU CAN'T

6    GET WELL IN A CELL BECAUSE THAT'S THE CASE. AND THAT IS WHAT

7    EVERYONE WHO HAS SPOKEN TODAY PRETTY MUCH, WHO'S BEEN IN

8    CELLS, WHO HAS STUDIED THIS, WHO HAS BEEN ON THE MEDICAL SIDE

9    OF THINGS, PEOPLE FROM ALL DIFFERENT FACETS WITH ALL DIFFERENT

10    BACKGROUNDS COMING IN HERE HAVE ALL COME TO THE SAME

11    CONCLUSION. AND WHILE IT'S GOOD THAT WE ARE MAKING PROGRESS IN

12    THE FIGHT AGAINST MONEY BAIL, THE BIG THING LOOMING, AS IVETTE

13    SAID, IS THE TWO JAILS THAT WE'RE POSSIBLY GOING TO SPEND

14    BILLIONS OF DOLLARS ON. AND THAT FIGHT IS 100 PERCENT THE SAME

15    FIGHT. AND LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE WHO ARE TELLING YOU THAT THAT

16    IS THE SAME FIGHT AND THAT IF YOU ARE AGAINST MONEY BAIL AND

17    YOU HOLD SOME OF THESE OTHER POSITIONS, THEN YOU SHOULD BE

18    AGAINST THAT FIGHT, TOO. THANK YOU.

19

20    **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

21

22    **JOSEPH PETTIT:** GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBERS. MY

23    NAME'S JOSEPH PETTIT. AND I'M THE POLICY AND PROGRAM

24    COORDINATOR FOR THE LOS ANGELES REGIONAL REENTRY PARTNERSHIP,

25    MARKETING COORDINATOR FOR CHRIST CENTERED MINISTRIES, AND A

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1 NEPHEW TO A PERSON WHO IS A PERSON WHO IS CURRENTLY GOING  
2 THROUGH THE MENTALLY INCOMPETENT TO STAND TRIAL JAIL DIVERSION  
3 PROGRAM HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. I JUST, WE WANTED TO SUPPORT IN  
4 TERMS OF THE CAPACITY BUILDING EFFORTS AND DEMAND TO HIGHLIGHT  
5 A RENEWED FOCUS ON HEALTHCARE ACCESS, AND EDUCATION,  
6 APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS, HEALTH REDUCTION, DESTIGMATIZATION  
7 AND REMOVING BARRIERS, THE PRIMARY ELEMENTS OF AN EFFECTIVE  
8 COMMUNITY REENTRY SYSTEM. ALSO WE WANTED TO SUPPORT THE JAIL  
9 DIVERSION PROGRAMS THAT ARE BEING PLACED RIGHT NOW AND HAVE  
10 THAT MONEY SPENT INTO COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS. THANK  
11 YOU.

12  
13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

14  
15 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD  
16 DISTRICT. YOU KNOW, I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE GOING FOR WITH  
17 THE TEMPS. YOU WANT TO HIRE TEMPS. AND 3.4 MILLION SEEMS LIKE  
18 A LOT BECAUSE THE COUNTY, THERE'S SO MANY GREAT COUNTY WORKERS  
19 WHO CAN DO IT AND FILL THE TEMP WORK. BUT THERE YOU HAVE IT.  
20 ITEM 18 AND 21, I'LL GIVE -- THIS IS WICKHAM'S AREA. SHE'S IN  
21 CHARGE OF THE COUNTY RISK REPORT AND ALSO THE COUNTY  
22 LITIGATION REPORT. I APPRECIATE THAT SHEILA SAID LET'S NOT  
23 HAVE THOSE OUT IN THE OPEN GOING FORWARD LAST YEAR, WHICH WAS  
24 SORT OF A RETRO-MOVE THAT I DON'T THINK PEOPLE IN THE OPEN  
25 GOVERNMENT COMMUNITY WERE THAT HAPPY ABOUT, FRANKLY. BUT

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1    TODAY, WE'RE PUSHING IT ANOTHER TWO WEEKS DOWN THE ROAD TO  
2    HAVE THE REPORT THAT WE'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE. SO I WOULD ASK  
3    THAT THIS BOARD UNITE THE NEW BOARD AND AGREE WE SHOULD HAVE  
4    THE REPORT. I THOUGHT TODAY WE HEARD THAT THE PROBATION ISSUES  
5    ABOUT STAY AT HOME ARE RELEVANT. AND WE WANT THOSE NUMBERS. I  
6    THINK YOU GUYS ARE ALL GETTING READY TO FIGHT ALEX VILLANUEVA  
7    ABOUT EVERYTHING. SO LET'S GET THAT DATA OUT UP INTO THE OPEN.  
8    I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY THAT WOULD HAPPEN. NOW I DO APPRECIATE  
9    THAT SUPERVISOR KUEHL TODAY DIDN'T SHOW UP. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS  
10   LEFT EARLY, BUT SHE DIDN'T SHOW UP AT ALL. OH, THERE HE IS.  
11   HE'S BACK. ALL RIGHT. BUT SHE DIDN'T SHOW UP BECAUSE LIBERTY  
12   HILL'S IN THE HOUSE. AND LIBERTY HILL'S TERRIFIC, BUT TO GIVE  
13   THEM A \$900,000 SOLE SOURCE IS A LITTLE BIT OF A NECK MASSAGE  
14   IN MY OPINION. THERE'S A LOT OF PROVIDERS. WHAT THEY'RE GOING  
15   DO IS THEY'RE GOING TO TRAIN OTHER LITTLE BABY GROUPS TO COME  
16   IN AND TAKE SOME OF THE FUNDING. BUT WHERE THERE'S A LOT OF  
17   WORK TO BE DONE, WE HAVE TO FOCUS ON DOING IT CLEAN AND FAIR.  
18   NOW THE FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA IS BEFORE YOU TODAY. AND I  
19   KNOW THAT THIS IS WHEN WE SORT OF WONDER HOW HAPPY WE WERE  
20   ABOUT ALL THAT ACTIVITY ATTACKING THEM WHILE WE'RE TRYING TO  
21   ALSO GET THEM TO WORK COOPERATIVELY. BUT I THINK THAT WE'VE  
22   GOT A GOOD PLAN. AND I THINK WE HAVE A GOOD PLAN. I'M NOT 100  
23   PERCENT SURE ABOUT THAT. I DID NOTICE THAT WE'RE DOWNPLAYING  
24   CHILD SEX AND BRINGING UP HUMAN TRAFFICKING GOING FORWARD. SO  
25   I GUESS THAT'S A SHIFT OF SOME KIND. WE USED TO HEAR ALL THE



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1 TIME ABOUT THAT. YOU'VE GOT TWO DIFFERENT -- ALL RIGHT. SO  
2 THAT'S THAT.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, ERIC. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

5

6 **ANTONIA RAMIREZ:** THANK YOU. S-1. THESE GANG INDOCTRINATED  
7 JUVENILE DELINQUENTS NEED TO BE TAUGHT PUNISHMENT AND NOT  
8 REWARDED BECAUSE THEY ARE HORRENDOUS. AND THEY ARE  
9 DIABOLICAL. AND THEY ARE GANG INFESTED. THEIR FAMILIES ARE  
10 GANGBANGERS. AND MOST OF THEM ARE GANG CONNECTED WHETHER  
11 DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY. THESE LATINOS AND LATINAS ARE GANG-  
12 RELATED. NO MATTER WHICH WAY YOU TURN IT. THEY ARE INVOLVED IN  
13 CRIMES. AND THEY WILL GROW UP TO BE THE NEXT GENERATION'S  
14 DOMESTIC TERRORISTS. TEACH THEM DISCIPLINE, STRUCTURE, DUE  
15 DILIGENCE, AND RESPECT, AND HUMANITY, AND PUNCTUALITY, AND  
16 SELF-RESPECT. MOREOVER, ALL THE LATINO [EXPLETIVE] AND  
17 GANGBANGER YOUTHS ARE TO BE DEPORTED, STAT. AND LET THEIR  
18 PARENTS PLACE, LET THEIR PARENTS' PLACE OF BIRTH TAKE CARE OF  
19 THEM IN AND ASSUME ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR CORRECTING THESE  
20 DIABOLICAL WICKED LITTLE PAIN IN THE BUTTS. WE CAN'T SUSTAIN  
21 ALL THESE [EXPLETIVE] AND GANGBANGERS NOR THEIR KIDS. SO STOP  
22 SUBSIDIZING ALL THESE GANGBANGERS AND [EXPLETIVE]. WE'RE GOING  
23 TO PUT MORE PEOPLE OUT ON THE STREETS, THANK YOU. AND NUMBER  
24 2-H, WE MUST MAKE IT A PRIORITY TO FIRST AND FOREMOST HOUSE  
25 ALL OUR IMPOVERISHED AND HOMELESS BELOVED UNITED STATES

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1 MILITARY VETERANS. THAT INCLUDES PROVIDING THEM THERAPY, FREE  
2 MONTHLY BUS PASSES, SHUTTLE BUSES TO MARKETS, ENTERTAINMENT,  
3 THERAPY, DOCTOR APPOINTMENTS, AND OTHER PLACES OF INTEREST.  
4 LET US PROVIDE THEM WITH WEEKLY MILITARY GROUP GATHERINGS,  
5 I.E. POTLUCK MEALS, OUTDOOR RACING, OCEAN DOLPHIN THERAPY,  
6 HORSE RIDING THERAPY, AND HYPERBARIC CHAMBER THERAPY, AND YOGA  
7 THERAPY, AND SO MUCH. THERE'S SO MUCH AVAILABLE THAT WE HAVE  
8 AT OUR DISPOSAL TO PROVIDE THESE WONDERFUL VETERANS INSTEAD OF  
9 GIVING IT TO THESE GODDAMN [EXPLETIVE] AND GANGBANGERS.  
10 THEY'RE A LOST CASE. THEY DESTROY WHATEVER THEY TOUCH. LOOK AT  
11 LATIN AMERICA. IF YOU HAVEN'T LEARNED FROM LATIN AMERICA, THEN  
12 YOU HAVEN'T LEARNED NOTHING. THEY ARE A MESS. WHATEVER THEY  
13 TOUCH, THEY DESTROY. THESE GODDAMN LATINOS ARE A WORTHLESS  
14 PIECE OF [EXPLETIVE].

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. YOUR TIME HAS  
17 EXPIRED. PLEASE DON'T BANG ON THE COUNTER. NO NEED FOR THAT.  
18 DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER SPEAKERS?

19

20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** NO OTHER SPEAKERS.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, THAT CONCLUDES THE SPEAKERS THAT  
23 SIGNED UP ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER,  
24 PLEASE INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS ON WHICH WE WILL BE  
25 VOTING.

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1

2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE ITEMS BEFORE YOU ARE IT ITEMS 2, 9,  
3 13, 15, 17, 19, 20, 45, 47, 49, 52-C.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.  
6 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE  
7 THE ORDER. AT THIS TIME, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR FROM  
8 SUPERVISORS ON ITEMS THAT WERE NOT POSTED ON THE AGENDA TO BE  
9 PRESENTED OR REFERRED TO STAFF OR PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA. I  
10 BELIEVE SUPERVISOR BARGER HAS ONE.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER:** YES. I'D LIKE TO READ IN A MOTION TO BE VOTED ON  
13 TODAY REGARDING THE INMATE ESCAPE THIS PAST WEEKEND AT PITCHES  
14 DETENTION CENTER IN CASTAIC. INMATE DAVID BUSTAMONTE LED  
15 INVESTIGATORS ON AN 8 HOUR SEARCH BEFORE BEING CAUGHT AND  
16 BROUGHT BACK INTO CUSTODY. THE MOTION STRICTLY REQUESTS THE  
17 SHERIFF TO PROVIDE A WRITTEN REPORT TO THE BOARD ON THE FACTS  
18 SURROUNDING THE INCIDENT, INCLUDING ANY RESULTING CORRECTIVE  
19 ACTION PLANS THAT MAY NEED TO BE TAKEN. I WANT TO MAKE SURE  
20 OUR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS FULLY EQUIPPED TO ENSURE THE  
21 PUBLIC SAFETY. AND SUCH INSTANCES OFFER INSIGHT AND  
22 OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT. WE WANT TO SEIZE THE  
23 OPPORTUNITY AND MAKE CHANGES WHERE NECESSARY AND CONTINUE TO  
24 OFFER THE BEST SERVICES POSSIBLE TO OUR COMMUNITIES. BUT I  
25 ALSO WANT TO GIVE A BIG THANK YOU TO THE DEPARTMENT'S MAJOR

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1 CRIME BUREAU'S INVESTIGATORS AND ALL OTHERS WHO WERE PART OF  
2 THE SEARCH FOR FINDING AND APPREHENDING THE INMATE AS SOON AS  
3 POSSIBLE. SO THE MOTION THAT I'M BEING TOLD CAN BE VOTED ON  
4 TODAY IS ON THE MORNING OF SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD, 2019, AN  
5 INMATE WAS FOUND TO HAVE ESCAPED FROM PITCHES DETENTION CENTER  
6 IN CASTAIC. INMATE DAVID LUIS BUSTAMONTE WAS CONSIDERED  
7 MISSING FROM THE FACILITY AT APPROXIMATELY 7 A.M. DURING A  
8 ROUTINE INMATE COUNT. BY 9:30 A.M., SIRENS ACROSS THE  
9 DETENTION CENTER SOUNDED, AND THE ENTIRE AREA WENT INTO  
10 LOCKDOWN. BUSTAMONTE LED THE INVESTIGATORS ON AN 8 HOUR SEARCH  
11 BEFORE HE WAS LOCATED AND ARRESTED AT THE INTERSTATE 5 FREEWAY  
12 IN CALIFORNIA STATE ROUTE 126 BENEATH THE OVERPASS. ACCORDING  
13 TO MEDIA REPORTS, THE DETAILS SURROUNDING HOW THE INMATE  
14 ESCAPED REMAIN UNCLEAR. MEMBERS OF THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY  
15 WERE AND REMAIN APPROPRIATELY CONCERNED AND WANT ASSURANCES  
16 THAT THESE TYPE OF INCIDENTS ARE THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATED AND  
17 CORRECTIVE ACTIONS ARE TAKEN TO PREVENT THEM IN THE FUTURE.  
18 AND THAT INCLUDES HOW THEY NOTIFY INDIVIDUALS. I HAD ONE MAN  
19 WHO EMAILED ME AND SAID THAT HIS WIFE WAS OUT WALKING THE  
20 DOGS. HE HAD HEARD THE SIREN BUT DIDN'T KNOW -- IT WAS OUT OF  
21 CONTEXT. HE DIDN'T REALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT WAS GOING ON. I  
22 THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ASK THE SHERIFF'S  
23 DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE A WRITTEN REPORT TO THE BOARD ABOUT THIS  
24 INCIDENT IN 45 DAYS INCLUDING ANY RESULTING ACTION PLANS THAT  
25 MAY NEED TO BE TAKEN. THAT IS MY SPECIAL.

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I'LL SECOND THAT FOR YOU. I  
3 BELIEVE WE HAVE TO HAVE -- NOT HAVE TO, WE WANT TO HAVE PUBLIC  
4 COMMENT ON THIS ITEM SINCE WE'RE VOTING ON IT TODAY. I WELCOME  
5 PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. MR. PREVEN, ARE YOU SPEAKING ON  
6 THIS ITEM? NO? DO WE HAVE ANYBODY THAT WANTS TO SPEAK ON THIS?

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AND YOU CHOOSE NOT TO USE IT ON THIS ONE.  
9 OKAY. SO WE'VE ASKED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. WE GOT TURNED DOWN.  
10 NOW THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER.  
11 SECONDED BY ME, SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR UNANIMOUS VOTE. SEEING NO  
12 OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. OKAY NOW WHAT? PUBLIC  
13 COMMENTS. NOW IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO  
14 ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS OF INTEREST THAT ARE WITHIN THE  
15 SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION OF THIS BOARD. PLEASE CALL THOSE  
16 MEMBERS FORWARD.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE FOLLOWING  
19 INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.  
20 IVONE GAITER, ASHLEY BROWDER, JAMES ESSEX, MICHELLE WEINER,  
21 DEIDRA DUNCAN, DAVID ARMSTRONG, HUGH SCHURTZ, ANTONIA RAMIREZ,  
22 REVEREND DR. MELLO DESIRE, STEFANIE OKUMURA, EUNISSES  
23 HERNANDEZ, REEGIE BUNCH, JENNIFER LAVORIN, JOSEPH PETTIT, BIG  
24 MONEY GRIFF, STEVEN LAMB, ERIC PREVEN, IRENE PANG, LARRY

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1 LAVEN, AND JOSEPH MAIZLISH. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL  
2 ASSIST YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

5

6 **ANTONIA RAMIREZ:** THANK YOU AGAIN VERY MUCH. HOW MUCH ARE THE  
7 DRUG CARTELS PAYING YOU, SHEILA KUEHL, MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS,  
8 HILDA SOLIS, JUDGES, ATTORNEYS, COMMISSIONERS, AND LAW  
9 ENFORCEMENT FOR ILLEGALLY PROVIDING PRE-TRIAL RELEASES AND  
10 EMPTYING OUT THE JAILS OF VIOLENT CRIMINAL DIABOLICAL  
11 OFFENDERS INCLUDING THE CHONGO [EXPLETIVE] AND GANGBANGERS WHO  
12 PERPETRATE ALL HIGH CRIMES IN AMERICA AND LOS ANGELES? WHAT  
13 YOU ALL HAVE DONE IS CONTRIBUTED AND PERPETRATED PUBLIC SAFETY  
14 GROSS VIOLATIONS AGAINST LEGAL LAW ABIDING CITIZENS IN L.A.  
15 FURTHERMORE VICTIMIZING WOMEN, CHILDREN, SENIOR CITIZENS, AND  
16 BABY BOOMERS. AND THANKS FOR DOING THE WRONG THING.  
17 INCIDENTALLY, WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO GET EL CHAPO GUZMAN OUT ON  
18 EARLY RELEASE? IN ADDITION, SHEILA MITCHELL AND TERRI  
19 MCDONALD, YOU FAILED TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SAFETY. AND NO, YOU  
20 HAVE NOT HELD THESE CRIMINAL PREDATORY VIOLENT FELONS AND  
21 JUVENILE DELINQUENTS RESPONSIBLE AND ACCOUNTABLE. LOOK OUTSIDE  
22 AND SEE THE RESULTS THAT YOU HAVE CREATED. LOS ANGELES IS  
23 UNDER SIEGE BY THESE VICIOUS [EXPLETIVE] AND GANGBANGERS.

24

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1   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. MR. PREVEN,  
2   YOU'RE UP. MR. PREVEN.

3

4   **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM STUDIO CITY, AND  
5   I'M ACTUALLY SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF MY GROUP IN STUDIO CITY. WE  
6   HAVE A NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL, AND YOU ARE THE MOTHER OF  
7   NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS. AND MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS IS THE FATHER OF  
8   NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS IN A WAY, OR THE STEP-PARENTS. I DON'T  
9   WANT TO HOLD ANYBODY TO IT. SIR, I KNOW YOU'RE LISTENING AND  
10   THANK YOU. WE HAVE A VOTING PROGRAM THAT WAS DEVISED YEARS  
11   AGO. AND NOW IS THE TIME TO MAKE A CHANGE BEFORE OUR ELECTION  
12   IN MAY. AND WE'RE JUST TRYING TO EMPHASIZE IT WOULD BE SO MUCH  
13   BETTER FOR ALL OF THE CHARACTERS BECAUSE IT'S JUST CLEAR. YOU  
14   CAN'T FAKE CLARITY. THAT'S WHY WE SUBMITTED. I SENT IT TO MR.  
15   POLITO, WHO IS DOING A GREAT JOB. BUT I'VE SENT IT TO ANNA  
16   GUERRERO, WHO'S DOING AN EXCELLENT JOB. THEY'RE ALL DOING A  
17   GREAT JOB, BUT SOMEBODY HAS TO HELP US. OR ALTERNATIVELY,  
18   WE'RE JUST GOING TO GO RIGHT BACK INTO WHAT I WOULD DESCRIBE  
19   AS A HORNET'S NEST OF CONFUSION. THE LAST TIME WE HAD AN  
20   ELECTION, THERE WAS A WEIRD L.A. TIMES COMPONENT, WHICH NOBODY  
21   REALLY WANTS IN THEIR ELECTION UNLESS THEY'RE HELPING. IT WAS  
22   JUST REPORTING ON HOW IT HIT THE RAILS. SO WITH THAT, I WOULD  
23   SIMPLY ASK FOR SUPPORT. YOU COULD JUST SIMPLY HELP. THANK YOU.  
24

25   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. PREVEN. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.



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2 **STEVEN LAMB:** MY NAME IS STEVEN LAMB. I'M WITH THE CENTER FOR  
3 PROGRESSIVE URBAN POLITICS. I'M HERE TODAY ON AN ISSUE THAT I  
4 WAS HERE ON ABOUT 20 MONTHS AGO, THAT IS SANITATION FOR  
5 HOMELESS PEOPLE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AS I POINTED OUT TO YOU  
6 THEN, A LETTER SIGNED BY THREE OF YOU, OR AUTHORIZED BY THREE  
7 OF YOU, TO THE GOVERNOR ASKING FOR NATIONAL GUARD SANITATION  
8 EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING PORTABLE LATRINES, SHOWERS, AND LAUNDRY  
9 WILL DO A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT TO ALLEVIATE THIS PROBLEM. WE  
10 HAVEN'T REALLY HAD ANY ACTION ON THAT. BUT THERE'S ONLY SEVEN  
11 PEOPLE IN THE COUNTRY WHO CAN SOLVE THAT PROBLEM, THAT'S THIS  
12 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THE GOVERNOR, AND THE PRESIDENT. THE  
13 U.S. MILITARY HAS THE EQUIPMENT. AND IF YOU DO THE RIGHT  
14 THING, WE CAN HAVE IT. WE CAN SOLVE THE PROBLEM. WE DON'T HAVE  
15 ENOUGH DEPTH IN OUR LOCAL NOT-FOR-PROFITS TO DO IT. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

18

19 **MICHELLE WEINER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS MICHELLE WEINER. I  
20 THANK THE BOARD FOR BEING WILLING TO HEAR ME TODAY. I WOULD  
21 LIKE TO SPEAK ABOUT THE MAYME CLAYTON LIBRARY AND MUSEUM. IT'S  
22 CURRENTLY IN A FORMER COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE SECOND  
23 DISTRICT. IT IS A TREASURE. IT'S THE LARGEST COLLECTION OF  
24 AFRICAN-AMERICAN BOOKS, POSTERS, MEMORABILIA, FILMS WEST OF  
25 THE MISSISSIPPI. I'M LUCKY TO HAVE IT IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD. IT'S

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1 A SOURCE OF CULTURAL ENHANCEMENT IN OUR COMMUNITY. AND WE  
2 WOULD LIKE IT TO STAY. WE HEAR THAT THERE IS AN IDEA TO RE-  
3 PURPOSE THIS COUNTY COURTHOUSE. AND I'M HERE TO ASK THAT WE  
4 HAVE MORE DETAILS, OUR COMMUNITY HAVE MORE DETAILS, ABOUT  
5 THIS. WE'VE ONLY BEEN TOLD IT'S FOR CONSTITUENT SERVICES, BUT  
6 WE DON'T HAVE ANY REAL CLEAR IDEA ABOUT WHAT WILL BE HAPPENING  
7 IN THERE IF THE MAYME CLAYTON HAS TO LEAVE. WE WOULD LIKE IT  
8 TO STAY.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

11

12 **DEIDRA DUNCAN:** HELLO, MY NAME IS DEIDRA DUNCAN.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** TRY TO SPEAK IN THE MICROPHONE SO WE CAN ALL  
15 HEAR YOU. EXCELLENT.

16

17 **DEIDRA DUNCAN:** HELLO, MY NAME IS DEIDRA DUNCAN. AND I'M HERE  
18 TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT THE NOTICE I GAVE YOU PRIOR TO LOOK INTO  
19 THE INJUSTICE THAT'S GOING ON WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN  
20 AND FAMILY SERVICES ALLOWING UNSUBSTANTIATED CLAIMS BROUGHT  
21 BASED ON UNSWORN STATEMENTS STEMMING FROM A CIVIL DISPUTE OVER  
22 PROPERTY AS A TORT AND A LIEN AGAINST THE COUNTY, ALLOWING  
23 THESE STATEMENTS TO TRAUMATIZE FAMILIES AND HAVE FAMILIES GO  
24 THROUGH VICARIOUS TRAUMA IN AND OUT OF CARE, ABUSE OF RIGHTS,  
25 ABUSE OF LAW, ABUSE OF POWER, ABUSE OF THE OFFICE, ABUSE OF

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1 AUTHORITIES OF THE POWER OF DISCRETION GIVEN TO THE DEPARTMENT  
2 OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. THIS BOARD HAS FAILED TO MAKE  
3 THEM ACCOUNTABLE FOR HAVING FALSE ALLEGATIONS BROUGHT AGAINST  
4 FAMILIES OF BLACK AND BROWN CHILDREN. INJUSTICE FOR ONE IS  
5 INJUSTICE FOR ALL.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER,  
8 PLEASE.

9

10 **DAVID ARMSTRONG:** YES. MY NAME IS DAVID ARMSTRONG. I'VE BEEN  
11 HERE BEFORE. YOU ALL PROBABLY KNOW WHO I AM. I LIVE AT 2830  
12 HEATHER ROAD. P.O. BOX 8056 LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA 90808. I'VE  
13 BEEN DOWN HERE OVER 11 TIMES AND AT THE COUNTY SUPERVISORS  
14 BOARD MEETING, THE SAME NUMBER OF TIMES COMPLAINING ABOUT THE  
15 STALKING I HAVE HAD TO ENDURE BY THUGS SENT OUT BY CAPTAIN  
16 HORACE BOATWRIGHT OF THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SHERIFF. I  
17 VOICED MY RESPECT FOR MEMBERS OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND  
18 THE TOUGH JOB THEY HAVE TO DO. BUT I HAVE NO RESPECT, I HAVE  
19 NO RESPECT FOR A BLACK OFFICER WHO WOULD USE HIS POWER TO TRY  
20 TO STRIP ME OF MY CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF LIFE, LIBERTY AND  
21 PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS. I TRIED EVERY WAY TO SET UP A MEETING TO  
22 SOLVE THIS PROBLEM WITH MR. BOATWRIGHT. BUT ONE -- BUT THE  
23 SAME PROBLEM PER VEILS. THERE WAS NO SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY  
24 SUPERVISORS MEETING TODAY, SO THAT'S THE REASON WHY I'M HERE  
25 TODAY.

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER,  
3 PLEASE. GO AHEAD, ANYBODY.

4

5 **HUGH SCHURTZ:** WITH RESPECT, I'M HUGH SCHURTZ. AND I KNOW  
6 YOU'RE BUSY. I'M A PERSON WHO HAS EXPERIENCED BEING SHOT IN A  
7 VIOLENT ATTEMPTED MURDER WITH A HANDGUN. RESTITUTION WAS  
8 ORDERED. THE COUNTY WORKER REFUSED TO FILE THE J.V.110, WHICH  
9 MS. BARGER, YOUR PREDECESSOR, HE TRIED TO GET THAT PUT  
10 THROUGH. AND WE TRIED TO DO THAT FROM DAY ONE. THE JUDGE, THE  
11 LATEST JUDGE, STATED -- THE JUDGE ACTUALLY STATED IF THE  
12 COUNTY HAD DONE THIS, OF COURSE THE RESTITUTION WOULD HAVE  
13 BEEN PAID. AND THAT WAS BOTH PROBATION AND, YOU KNOW, THE  
14 FAULT OF THE COUNTY. I GAVE THAT BACK TO, THROUGH MR.  
15 BERNESON, TO THE CITY ATTORNEY, NOT CITY ATTORNEY, THE COUNTY  
16 COUNSEL. AND THEY'VE NEVER CONTACTED ME BACK REGARDING IT.  
17 NOW, IN THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS, AND IT HAS BEEN SEVERAL YEARS,  
18 I --

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20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. BARGER:** WE'LL HAVE SOMEBODY FROM MY OFFICE GO AND TALK TO  
23 YOU ON THE SIDE HERE AND GET YOUR INFORMATION AND FOLLOW UP.

24

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1    **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER. NEXT SPEAKER,  
2    PLEASE.

3

4    **JOSEPH PETTIT:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS -- BOARD MEMBERS, MY  
5    NAME IS JOSEPH PETTIT. AND I'M WITH L.A.R.P. I JUST WANTED TO  
6    ECHO THAT WE STRONGLY OPPOSE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROPOSED  
7    3,885-BED CONSOLIDATED CORRECTIONAL TREATMENT FACILITY, THE  
8    C.C.T.F., AS IT IS NOT THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO ADDRESS THE  
9    CURRENT AND FUTURE POPULATION OF PEOPLE INCARCERATED WITH  
10   MENTAL ILLNESS. THE COUNTY SHOULD FOCUS ON ITS LIMITED  
11   RESOURCES ON DEVELOPING MORE COMMUNITY PLACEMENTS TO DIVERT  
12   LESS DANGEROUS INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS FROM THE JAILS  
13   INTO COMMUNITY TREATMENTS AND REHABILITATION CENTERS. WITH  
14   THAT, WE STRONGLY OPPOSE THE JAIL PROJECT, JAIL PLAN. THANK  
15   YOU.

16

17   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

18

19   **LARRY LAVEN:** HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS LARRY  
20   LAVEN. AND I'M FROM ENCINO. LAST WEEK, I SUGGESTED THAT YOU  
21   LEARN THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A PSYCHIATRIST WHO PRACTICES AN  
22   ART AND A PSYCHOLOGIST WHO PRACTICES A SCIENCE. QUESTION, IS A  
23   PSYCHOLOGIST INCLUDED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH? THE  
24   DEFINITION OF PSYCHIATRY IS. A BRANCH OF MEDICINE DEALING WITH  
25   MENTAL, EMOTIONAL, AND BEHAVIORAL DISORDERS. PLEASE NOTE THE

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1 DEFINITION DOES NOT INCLUDE THE WORD "SCIENCE" DIFFERENT THAN  
2 PSYCHIATRY IS PSYCHOLOGY, THE SCIENCE OF MIND AND BEHAVIOR,  
3 ALSO THE MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL CHARACTERISTICS OF AN  
4 INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP. PSYCHOLOGY IS A SCIENCE. PSYCHIATRY IS  
5 NOT. PLEASE SEE MERRIAM-WEBSTER'S DICTIONARY NEW ADDITION  
6 BASED ON COLLEGIATE 11TH EDITION.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

9

10 **IRENE PANG:** GOOD AFTERNOON. THIS IS IRENE. I STAND THE TORTURE  
11 OF THE FULL MILITARY ON ME ON SOCIETY. FIRST U.S. GOVERNMENT  
12 HAD GOOD -- AND THEIR NO EXECUTION. U.S. GOVERNMENT NEED THE  
13 CONCERN THEY HAVE IN WORKING ENTIRELY TOO MANY HOURS BEFORE  
14 THIS ISN'T WORKING MEMBERS IF WE WANT IN THE CITY OF EL MONTE  
15 BUT ALSO WORK FOR THE U.S. NATION SECURITY. A GOOD THING TO  
16 KNOW, ANYONE WHO FOUND -- WHY TO THINK HOW -- AND USING ONLY  
17 NOT THE OTHERS. EVEN -- SAME EARTH. THEIR ENERGY -- AND CREATE  
18 IF ANOTHER WAR HAD BEEN DONE. IN THE SYSTEM, U.S. NATION AND  
19 TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM WORKING MEMBERS EVEN FOUND THEM AND CREATED  
20 ENERGY WHO HAD THE WHY TO USING IMPENDING ONLY NOT THE OTHERS  
21 ACCORDING TO THE LAW RELATES TO THE MINIMUM --

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23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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1   **IRENE PANG:** ANYONE NEED THE MONEY, BUT ONLY THE ONES WHO EARN  
2   THE MONEY --

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4   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.  
5   THANK YOU, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. THANK YOU FOR COMING.

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7   **IRENE PANG:** (CONTINUING READING OFF MIC).

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9   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IF YOU'D  
10   LIKE TO TURN IN THE REST OF YOUR REMARKS, WE WILL READ THEM.  
11   THANK YOU.

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13   **IRENE PANG:** I NEED A COPY, ONE PIECE.

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15   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. OKAY, JAMES, WELCOME.  
16   HELLO.

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18   **JAMES ESSEX:** HELLO. THE -- WHAT IS IT CALLED? I'M JUST GOING  
19   TO GO WITH A POEM. OKAY.

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21   **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** ALWAYS GOOD.

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23   **JAMES ESSEX:** THIS IS FOR YOUR AUDIENCE, THIS IS NOT DIRECTED  
24   AT YOU. SPEAK THE SPEECH, I PRAY YOU AS I PRONOUNCE IT TO YOU  
25   TRIPPINGLY ON THE TONGUE. BUT IF YOU MOUTH IT, AS MANY OF YOUR



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1 PLAYERS DO, I HAD AS LIEF THE TOWN CRIER SPOKE MY LINES. NOR  
2 DO NOT SAW THE AIR WITH YOUR HAND THUS BUT USE ALL GENTLY, FOR  
3 IN THE VERY TORRENT TEMPEST, AND AS I MAY SAY, WHIRLWIND OF  
4 YOUR PASSION, YOU MUST ACQUIRE AND BEGET A TEMPERANCE THAT MAY  
5 GIVE IT SMOOTHNESS. OH, IT OFFENDS ME TO THE SOUL TO SEE A  
6 ROBUSTIOUS PERIWIG-PATED FELLOW TEAR A PASSION TO TATTERS, TO  
7 VERY RAGS, TO SPLIT THE EARS OF THE GROUNDLINGS, WHO FOR THE  
8 MOST PART ARE CAPABLE OF NOT BUT INDECIPHERABLE DUMB SHOW AND  
9 NOISE. I COULD HAVE SUCH A FELLOW WHIPPED FOR O'ER-PLAYING  
10 TERMAGANT. PRAY YOU AVOID IT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

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12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** EXCELLENT. EXCELLENT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
13 OKAY, COLLEAGUES. NOW IT'S TIME FOR ADJOURNMENTS. AND WE'RE  
14 GOING TO GO IN THE ORDER OF 4, 5, 1, 2, AND 3. IS THAT RIGHT?  
15 OKAY. SO 4 WOULD BE ME. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE  
16 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF YURIKO LILLIE FUKAI, WHO IS THE  
17 MOTHER OF OUR ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER, JANICE FUKAI. SHE  
18 JUST PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 90. AND BEFORE SHE MARRIED HER  
19 HUSBAND, MAS FUKAI, WHO OF COURSE WAS MY DAD'S CHIEF DEPUTY,  
20 THEY WERE CHILDHOOD FRIENDS BUT WERE SEPARATED WHEN THEIR  
21 FAMILIES WERE SENT TO DIFFERENT INTERNMENT CAMPS DURING WORLD  
22 WAR II. DESPITE LOSING EVERYTHING, THEY REUNITED UPON THEIR  
23 RELEASE FROM CAMP AND MARRIED. TOGETHER, THEY HAD TWO  
24 CHILDREN, RICKY AND JANICE. LILLIE WAS A DEVOTED WIFE AND  
25 MOTHER. SHE WAS THE GLUE THAT HELD THE FAMILY TOGETHER. SHE

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1 IMPRESSED UPON HER CHILDREN THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING  
2 INDEPENDENT AND SELF-SUFFICIENT. WE KNOW JANICE HAS LEARNED  
3 THAT LESSON. SHE CONSTANTLY TOLD HER CHILDREN, "YOU CAN IF YOU  
4 THINK YOU CAN." SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER SON, RICKY FUKAI, HER  
5 DAUGHTER, JANICE FUKAI, MANY GRANDCHILDREN AND GREAT  
6 GRANDCHILDREN. SHE WAS A DEAR FRIEND OF OUR FAMILY AND WAS  
7 ALWAYS SO KIND TO MY OWN MOTHER. IN FACT, SHE CREATED ONE TIME  
8 THIS GORGEOUS CHRISTMAS TREE FILLED WITH GLASS CRYSTALS. AND  
9 MY MOTHER PULLED IT OUT EVERY CHRISTMAS UNTIL SHE PASSED AWAY.  
10 SO WE WILL MISS LILLIE. I ALSO MOVE WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE  
11 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF JOSEPH JOHN SORCI, WHO PASSED AWAY AT  
12 THE AGE OF 89. HE GRADUATED FROM FREMONT HIGH SCHOOL AND  
13 WORKED AS A MACHINIST FOR 22 YEARS. HE THEN WORKED AS AN  
14 OPERATING ENGINEER AT KAISER PERMANENTE IN BELLFLOWER. JOE WAS  
15 AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE ST. CYPRIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH SERVING AS  
16 AN USHER, A MEMBER OF HOLY NAME SOCIETY, SENIOR GROUP, AND  
17 SERVED TWO TERMS AS GRAND KNIGHT OF KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
18 COUNCIL 36299. JOE MET HIS WIFE, ANN MONTGOMERY, AT A YOUNG  
19 ADULT'S DANCE AT ST. MATTHIAS CHURCH. THEY GOT MARRIED. THEY  
20 RAISED THEIR THREE DAUGHTERS, VICKI, PATRICIA, AND MARY JANE,  
21 IN LAKEWOOD. HE ENJOYED COOKING, GARDENING, WOODWORKING,  
22 GOLFING, PLAYING BOCCE BALL, BOWLING, AND TRAVELING THE WORLD  
23 WITH HIS WIFE. HE WAS PATIENT, COMPASSIONATE, AND THE FIRST TO  
24 LEND A HAND. JOE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE 63 YEARS, ANN, HIS  
25 DAUGHTERS, PATRICIA AND MARY JANE, SON-IN-LAW, LAKEWOOD

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1 COUNCILMEMBER JEFF WOOD, SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN, AND 11 GREAT  
2 GRANDCHILDREN. HE IS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HIS DAUGHTER VICKI.  
3 OUR SYMPATHIES GO OUT TO PARTICULARLY MARY JANE WOOD WHO LOST  
4 HER DAD. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY IN THE MEMORY OF  
5 JORGE GUZMAN, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 48. HE DEDICATED  
6 OVER A DECADE OF HIS LIFE WORKING FOR P.A.T.H. TO SERVE THE  
7 HOMELESS POPULATION IN SOUTHEAST LOS ANGELES. JORGE BEGAN  
8 WORKING FOR P.A.T.H. IN 2009, SERVING IN SEVERAL DIFFERENT  
9 COMMUNITIES, WAS ONE OF THE VERY FIRST OUTREACH TEAM MEMBERS  
10 IN THE GATEWAY C.O.G. HIS GUIDANCE CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO THE  
11 FRAMEWORK OF OUTREACH AS IT STANDS TODAY. HE WAS EXTREMELY  
12 PASSIONATE ABOUT HIS WORK AND BELIEVED THAT EVERYONE DESERVED  
13 TO BE HELPED REGARDLESS OF THEIR PAST PROBLEMS OR CURRENT  
14 STRUGGLES. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, ELIDA, HIS DAUGHTER,  
15 PAULINA, AND SON, MICHAEL. I ALSO MOVE WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY,  
16 WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF JERRY MORGAN, WHO PASSED AWAY AT  
17 94. HE WAS THE PROUD POSTMASTER OF THE ROLLING HILLS GENERAL  
18 STORE FOR 36 YEARS. JERRY WALKED UP ROLLING HILLS ROAD TO GO  
19 TO WORK SIX DAYS A WEEK, RAIN OR SHINE, UNTIL HE FINALLY  
20 RETIRED AT THE AGE OF 90. THE GENERATIONS OF NEIGHBORS THAT  
21 VISITED HIM DAILY KNEW HIM AS MUCH MORE THAN THE POSTMASTER.  
22 HE WAS A GENUINE FRIEND. HE ALWAYS DID WHATEVER NECESSARY TO  
23 HELP THOSE AROUND HIM. HE LEFT AN INDELIBLE MARK ON THAT  
24 COMMUNITY. JERRY WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HIS WIFE AND THEIR  
25 THREE CHILDREN. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS SISTER, SHIRLEY, FIVE

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1 NIECES AND NEPHEWS, AND GRANDCHILDREN. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN  
2 WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF DANIEL JOHN  
3 CASTENEDA, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 52. BORN AND RAISED  
4 IN LAKEWOOD, DAN STARTED WORKING WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS  
5 ANGELES IN 1986 AS A DEPUTY CLERK AT THE LOS CERRITOS  
6 MUNICIPAL COURT. HE WORKED IN THE TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT FOR TWO  
7 YEARS. AND IN 1989, HE BEGAN WORKING FOR THE COUNTY SHERIFF'S  
8 DEPARTMENT. AFTER SERVING FOR 28 YEARS AS A DEPUTY SHERIFF,  
9 DAN RETIRED AFTER 30 YEARS OF SERVICE TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY.  
10 HE WAS VERY PASSIONATE ABOUT THE THINGS HE LOVED IN LIFE. HE  
11 LOVED THE MOUNTAINS AND WAS A TRUE OUTDOORSMAN. HE ALSO LOVED  
12 PHOTOGRAPHY, CARS, AND DISNEYLAND. WHO DOESN'T? BUT MOST OF  
13 ALL, HE LOVED SHARING THESE THINGS WITH HIS FRIENDS AND  
14 FAMILY. DAN IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, LAURIE, AND HIS TWIN  
15 BROTHER, DAVID. AND MY LAST ONE IS I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN  
16 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF BRYSON YANG, WHO PASSED  
17 AWAY AT THE YOUNG AGE OF 12. HE WAS A STUDENT AT SOUTH POINTE  
18 MIDDLE SCHOOL AND ENJOYED MUSIC, ART, POETRY, AND SPORTS. HE  
19 PLAYED THE PIANO AND SAXOPHONE AND WAS ELECTED TO BE THE SIXTH  
20 GRADE BAND VICE PRESIDENT. OTHER PROUD ACHIEVEMENTS WERE  
21 WINNING FIRST PLACE IN THE WALNUT VALLEY WATER DISTRICT ART  
22 CONTEST AND REPRESENTING HIS CLASS EVERY YEAR FROM THE FIRST  
23 TO THE FIFTH GRADE IN RECITING POETRY. IN MARCH OF LAST YEAR,  
24 BRYSON WAS DIAGNOSED WITH LEUKEMIA. HE WAS A POSITIVE, LOVING,  
25 AND CARING BOY WHO NEVER ASKED WHY ME AFTER HIS DIAGNOSIS. HE

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1 ONCE SAID, "ONE IN SO MANY KIDS WOULD GET CANCER, SO IF --" OH  
2 MY GOD, THIS IS HARD TO READ. MY STAFF DIDN'T WARN ME. HE  
3 SAID, "ONE IN SO MANY KIDS WOULD GET CANCER, SO IF I GOT IT,  
4 THEN SOMEBODY ELSE WOULD NOT HAVE GOTTEN IT."" HE NEVER  
5 COMPLAINED ABOUT HIS TREATMENT AND FOUGHT LIKE A WARRIOR.  
6 BRYSON'S FATHER JAMES IS OUR UNINCORPORATED SERVICES LIAISON  
7 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. JAMES SHARES WITH US THAT  
8 BRYSON WAS THEIR SUPERHERO AND THE MOST PERFECT SON ANY PARENT  
9 COULD HAVE. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS MOTHER, KELLY, HIS FATHER,  
10 JAMES, AND HIS OLDER SISTER BREANNA. I WOULD THINK ALL MEMBERS  
11 WOULD WANT TO BE ON THAT ONE WITH ME. THANK YOU. OKAY.  
12 SUPERVISOR BARGER.

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14 **SUP. BARGER:** WOW. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE DO SO  
15 IN MEMORY OF JOHN HORRALL, A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF LA CANADA,  
16 WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 97. JOHN SERVED DURING WORLD WAR  
17 II WITH THE ARMY'S 10TH MOUNTAIN DIVISION SKI TROOPS IN ITALY.  
18 AFTER THE WAR, HE RETURNED TO CALIFORNIA AND JOINED THE STAFF  
19 OF SAN RAFAEL INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER, WHERE HE MET HIS FUTURE  
20 WIFE OF 70 YEARS, BARBARA BROWN. JOHN THEN WORKED IN SAN  
21 FRANCISCO AS MANAGING EDITOR OF THE CALL-BULLETIN NEWSPAPER  
22 BEFORE MOVING TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IN 1955. HE HELD SEVERAL  
23 CORPORATE PUBLIC RELATIONS POSITIONS BEFORE STARTING HIS OWN  
24 PUBLIC RELATIONS FIRM IN 1966. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTERS,  
25 KATHLEEN AND MARY, AND FOUR GRANDCHILDREN, KEVIN, SEAN,

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1 KRISTIN, AND TAYLOR. I ALSO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF  
2 BRADLEY EVAN KYSAR, A LIFELONG RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA, WHO  
3 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 48. BRAD RECEIVED HIS MASTER'S  
4 DEGREE IN SOCIAL WORK AND WORKED FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
5 MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR 20 YEARS PROVIDING COUNSELING AND  
6 MANAGING VARIOUS PROGRAMS. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, CINDA,  
7 HIS CHILDREN, BECCA, RYAN, AND EMILY, PARENTS, EDWIN AND  
8 MARGARET, SISTER, CAROLYN, AND BROTHER DARRYL. AND LAST, I  
9 MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF LARRY WONG, A LONG TIME  
10 RESIDENT OF ALHAMBRA, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 91. AFTER  
11 WORKING AS A JOURNALIST FOR YUE HUA NEWSPAPER IN NATIVE CHINA,  
12 HE RELOCATED TO THE UNITED STATES IN 1949. LARRY WORKED IN A  
13 BAKERY FOR 13 YEARS BEFORE OPENING HIS FIRST RESTAURANT, MEI  
14 YI LOU. HE LATER OPENED FOUR MORE BRANCHES IN ADDITION TO AN  
15 AFFILIATE RESTAURANT, GOLDEN DRAGON IN CHINA TOWN. HE WAS A  
16 KIND, SELFLESS, AND HUMBLE MAN WHO WAS A WELL-RESPECTED LEADER  
17 IN THE CHINESE COMMUNITY AND WAS LOVINGLY REFERRED TO AS THE  
18 MAYOR OF CHINA TOWN. LARRY IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND FIVE  
19 CHILDREN. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

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21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER. SUPERVISOR  
22 SOLIS.

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24 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE  
25 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF GRISOL LUPITA RAMIREZ.

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1 GRISOL LUPITA RAMIREZ WAS BORN ON MAY 29TH, 1996 ANY CITY OF  
2 WEST COVINA. SHE WAS RAISED IN THE CITY OF POMONA. SHE WAS A  
3 BRIGHT DEDICATED YOUNG LADY WHO GRADUATED FROM VILLAGE ACADEMY  
4 HIGH SCHOOL IN 2014. UPON GRADUATING, SHE ATTENDED CAL POLY  
5 POMONA. DURING HER FOUR-YEAR STUDY AT CAL POLY POMONA, SHE  
6 ENTERED VARIOUS LANDSCAPING COMPETITIONS WHERE SHE WON FIRST  
7 PLACE IN THE JAPANESE FRIENDSHIP GARDEN AWARD, THE WALT DISNEY  
8 IMAGINEERING INDIVIDUAL AWARD, AND THE WALT DISNEY  
9 IMAGINEERING NARRATIVE AWARD. GRISOL GRADUATED WITH HONORS  
10 MAKING THE DEAN'S LIST AND OBTAINED HER BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN  
11 LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT IN 2018. SHORTLY AFTER GRADUATION, SHE WAS  
12 HIRED BY WALT DISNEY IMAGINEERING COMPANY IN GLENDALE,  
13 CALIFORNIA. GRISOL PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 22 ON JANUARY  
14 5TH, 2019. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER MOTHER, MARISOL REYES,  
15 FATHER, JESUS RAMIREZ, BROTHER, JESUS RAMIREZ, JR., SISTER,  
16 ARIANA RAMIREZ, AND A HOST OF EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS AND  
17 FRIENDS WHO WILL MISS HER DEARLY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS FROM THE  
20 GREAT SECOND.

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. MAY I  
23 ASK THAT ALL MEMBERS JOIN ME IN ADJOURNING IN MEMORY OF DR.  
24 MICHELLE KING, BORN MARCH 9, 1961 AND PASSED ON FEBRUARY 2 OF  
25 THIS YEAR HERE IN LOS ANGELES AT THE AGE OF 57 AFTER A BATTLE



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1 WITH CANCER. SHE WAS THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMAN TO LEAD  
2 THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. SHE WAS A PROUD  
3 PRODUCT OF L.A.U.S.D. AND ATTENDED CENTURY PARK AND WINDSOR  
4 HILLS ELEMENTARY, PALMS MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND PALISADES HIGH  
5 SCHOOL. SHE RECEIVED A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN BIOLOGY FROM  
6 U.C.L.A., A MASTER'S IN ADMINISTRATION FROM PEPPERDINE, AND A  
7 DOCTORATE FROM U.S.C.'S ROSSIER SCHOOL OF EDUCATION. DR. KING  
8 TAUGHT AT PORTER JUNIOR HIGH AND WRIGHT MIDDLE SCHOOL BEFORE  
9 SHE WAS SELECTED TO SERVE AS THE PRINCIPAL OF HAMILTON HIGH.  
10 SHE ACCEPTED THE POSITION IN 2002 AND WORKED TO BOOST  
11 STUDENT/FACULTY MORALE, IMPROVE TEST SCORES, AND RAISE  
12 HAMILTON'S PROFILE IN THE COMMUNITY. BEFORE SERVING AS THE  
13 SUPERINTENDENT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, DR. KING PROGRESSED  
14 THROUGH THE DISTRICT'S MANAGERIAL POSITIONS WITH  
15 RESPONSIBILITY OVER ISSUES SUCH AS EMERGENCY OPERATIONS WHILE  
16 SHE WAS THE DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT, AND SUPPORTING FORMER  
17 L.A.U.S.D., RAMON CORTINES, AS HIS CHIEF DEPUTY. AND THEN IN  
18 2016, SHE WAS NAMED L.A.U.S.D. SUPERINTENDENT AND FOCUSED ON  
19 INCREASING THE NUMBER OF SPECIAL PROGRAMS OFFERED AND  
20 IMPROVING GRADUATION RATES BY ALLOWING STUDENTS TO MAKE UP  
21 CREDITS FOR CLASSES FAILED. DR. KING WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR  
22 HER HUMILITY AND HER CALM DEMEANOR AS WELL AS HER STELLAR 33  
23 YEAR CAREER AS AN EDUCATOR, ADMINISTRATOR, AND EXECUTIVE OF  
24 THE SECOND LARGEST SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE NATION. SHE IS  
25 SURVIVED BY HER THREE DAUGHTERS, HER PARENTS, HER BROTHER,

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1 L.A.U.S.D. COLLEAGUES, AND EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO  
2 WILL CELEBRATE HER PASSING AND MISTER DEARLY. DR. MICHELLE  
3 KING.

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5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** ALL MEMBERS ON THAT ONE.

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MAY I ASK YOU THEN TO  
8 JOIN ME IN ADJOURNING IN MEMORY OF TIFFANY AVERY SMITH, WHO  
9 PASSED AT THE AGE OF 49 AFTER A BATTLE WITH BREAST CANCER ON  
10 JANUARY 31. SHE WAS KNOWN FOR ADVOCACY ON BEHALF OF CHILDREN,  
11 SERVING ON THE BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF  
12 HOUSTON FOR OVER A DECADE AS WELL AS ON THE BOARD OF SUSIE  
13 BEAN GIVES, A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION SERVING FAMILIES WITH  
14 CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS AND EXPERIENCING MENTAL ILLNESS.  
15 SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HER COURAGE, HER DEVOTION TO HER  
16 FAMILY. MISS SMITH IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND OF 17 YEARS AND  
17 FORMER GENERAL MANAGER OF THE HOUSTON TEXANS, RICK SMITH, HER  
18 THREE CHILDREN, AVERY, CHRISTIAN, ROBERT, EXTENDED FAMILY AND  
19 FRIENDS, ALL OF WHOM WILL MISS HER DEARLY. AND, FINALLY, MADAM  
20 CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, BENJAMIN VAN DAHLSEM WOLTZ, BORN  
21 DECEMBER 5, 1935 IN GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA AND PASSED AWAY  
22 AT THE AGE OF 83 ON JANUARY 28. HE OWNED A SMALL BUSINESS AND  
23 TAUGHT HISTORY TO COMMUNITY GROUPS. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR  
24 HIS INTELLECT AND HIS KINDNESS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF  
25 50 YEARS, MARGARET, TWO CHILDREN, BEN AND VIRGINIA, SON-IN-

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1 LAW, AUSTIN, DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, STACY, SIX GRANDCHILDREN,  
2 EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS, ALL OF WHOM WILL MISS BEN DEARLY.  
3 THAT CONCLUDES MY ADJOURNING MOTIONS, MADAM CHAIR.

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5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IS ANYONE READING IN THE THIRD  
6 DISTRICT'S? NO, WE DON'T HAVE THOSE. OKAY. WE'LL TAKE ALL  
7 THOSE MOTIONS AS SECONDED. IS THERE AN OBJECTION TO A  
8 UNANIMOUS VOTE? SEEING NONE, THAT WILL BE THE ACTION. THAT  
9 CONCLUDES TODAY'S MEETING. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE  
10 READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION.

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12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,  
13 NOTICE IS HERE GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL  
14 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NUMBER CS-1,  
15 DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATION, ITEM CS-2, CONFERENCE  
16 WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS, SACHI A. HAMAI, AND DESIGNATED STAFF,  
17 AND ITEM CS-3, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR, MONIQUE KING-  
18 VIEHLAND, AND DESIGNATED STAFF AS POSTED ON THE AGENDA.

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**CLOSED SESSION ITEMS  
FOR FEBRUARY 5, 2019**

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5 CS-1. DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS  
6 (Government Code Section 54957)

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8 Department Head performance evaluations. (11-1977)

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10 **No reportable action was taken.**  
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13 CS-2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS  
14 (Government Code Section 54957.6)

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16 Agency designated representatives: Sachi A. Hamai, Chief  
17 Executive Officer, and designated staff

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19 Employee Organization(s) for represented employees: The  
20 Coalition of County Unions, AFL-CIO; Local 721, SEIU, Union  
21 of American Physicians and Dentists; Peace Officers Counsel  
22 of California; Association of Public Defender Investigators;  
23 Association of Deputy District Attorneys; Los Angeles County  
24 Association of Environmental Health Specialists, Professional  
25 Peace Officers Association; and

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27 Unrepresented employees (all). (17-0363)

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29 **No reportable action was taken.**  
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32 CS-3. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS  
33 (Government Code Section 54957.6)

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35 Agency designated representatives: Monique King-Viehland,  
36 Executive Director of the Community Development  
37 Commission, and designated staff

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Employee Organization for represented employees: LIUNA  
Local 777 (17-1643)

**No reportable action was taken.**

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1 I, JENNIFER A. HINES, Certified Shorthand Reporter Number  
2 6029/RPR/CRR qualified in and for the State of California, do  
3 hereby certify:

4 That the transcripts of proceedings recorded by the Los  
5 Angeles County Board of Supervisors February 05, 2019,  
6 were thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my  
7 direction and supervision;

8 That the transcript of recorded proceedings as archived  
9 in the office of the reporter and which have been provided to  
10 the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as certified by  
11 me.

12 I further certify that I am neither counsel for, nor  
13 related to any party to the said action; nor  
14 in anywise interested in the outcome thereof.

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this  
16 11th day of February 2019, for the County records to be used  
17 only for authentication purposes of duly certified transcripts  
18 as on file of the office of the reporter.

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20 JENNIFER A. HINES

21 CSR No. 6029/RPR/CRR

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